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PROFILES FROM THE CLASS OF 2006

El Cerrito High grad an accomplished composer at 17



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

Alex Pfeifer-Rosenblum, who graduated last week from El Cerrito High School, poses with his guitar at his El Cerrito home on June 15. Pfeifer-Rosenblum wrote his first song when he was 6 years old. Last fall, he finished recording the CD "Green Chair Circle."

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

When he was a boy, Alex Pfeifer-Rosenblum was offered a chance to attend a baseball camp. But he wasn't interested.

"He didn't want to play baseball," said mother Karen Pfeifer, who is also a member of the West Contra Costa school district board. "He wanted to take guitar lessons."

At 17, Alex is an accomplished musician and composer. He graduated from El Cerrito High School last week.

He discovered the guitar when he attended camp as a 3-year-old. He followed guitar players around and would sit in a circle in green Adirondack chairs singing campfire songs.

"I came home," Alex said, "and I just knew I wanted to start taking guitar lessons."

He wrote his first song when he was 6 years old — about "animals and dreams" he had.

Last fall, he finished recording the CD "Green Chair Circle." Audio clips and more can be found online at greenchaircircle.com.

He spent about 18 months recording the album, with help from a group of friends, his sister Rebecca, a drummer, and his guitar teacher.

The music, highlighted by Alex's confident, rich voice, is similar in style to James Taylor, Patty Griffin and Paul Simon, which he names among his influences.

"I love all music," he said. "But my favorite is folk music, folk rock."

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Many graduate with sports, music, economics

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

High school seniors see a class in economics as a chore. But when Rebecca Molinari took the course this year, she found it interesting. She outlined entire textbooks on the subject and giving presentations before the United Nations program at UC Berkeley.

Reason for her interest? "It came up," economics and government teacher Kevin James said. "That's what we're learning about."

Molinari, a star track and field athlete for four years and a promising recorder player, graduates today from Albany High School.

Doing everything is one heck of a lot of work, Molinari said. "I've been glad for the challenges that have been there for me. I have opportunities where others haven't."

Molinari has taken advantage of opportunities when presented with them.

Enrolled in the East Bay Waldorf School for the Gifted — which emphasizes the arts from the third through eighth grades, she has an interest in the recorder.

Molinari has been busy with the instrument as well as the oboe. She regularly attends workshops out of state, performs regularly — which will include a tour of China this summer — and also teaches music.

Molinari decided to attend McGill University in Montreal because of its excellent music program, which she describes as the best in North America.

Molinari, playing music in front of an orchestra, is a "high."

"I can play a concert anytime I want and I don't get tired," she said. "It's an addiction, but I say it's a healthier addiction than drugs."

Molinari's dream job is to play Cirque du Soleil, where she can play a wide variety of esoteric instruments and the popular performance group as well as the ethereal music.

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GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

REBECCA MOLINARI, who graduates from Albany High School today, plans to pursue a music career next year at McGill University in Montreal. She excelled in both music and track and field during her four years at Albany High, playing the recorder and oboe and starring in the discus and shot put.

Graduation ceremonies kick off long day for seniors



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

ROBERT ROBERTS, who graduated with honors, grabs a moment's rest before he has to line up for his graduation during the El Cerrito High School commencement on Saturday.

Saturday was a long day for El Cerrito High School's graduating seniors. The class of 2006 was up early for the 9 a.m. start of graduation ceremonies held at the Richmond Auditorium. Then it had much of the day to anticipate the school's annual Grad Nite, held at the Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields racetrack in Albany.

Grad Nite is a long-standing tradition at El Cerrito High School, offering students an all-night party including food, entertainment and activities, in a safe, alcohol-free setting. This year's theme was "Oh, the Places You'll Go," with the Turf Club decorated in the style of the Dr. Seuss book.

Around 220 seniors attended and were treated to an all-night buffet, casino and arcade games, sumo wrestling, jousting and bungee jumping simulations, a henna artist and a dance floor with DJ. There was also a photo booth with costumes to use.

A particular highlight was the hypnotist who arrived about 3 a.m. "She had about six kids doing all kinds of crazy things," said Carol Rhodes, who coordinated parent volunteers for the party. About 100 parents took turns staffing various parts of the party, she said.

The event has been held at the Turf Club for the past two years, after the El Cerrito High gymnasium was torn down last spring.

— Chris Treadway

Police district board suddenly under scrutiny

■ Concerned Kensington residents turn to community services district in wake of recent departure of police chief

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

For several years, the Kensington Police and Community Services District has operated almost in anonymity, with no one attending meetings other than the board members who oversee it.

Recent turmoil affecting the police department has changed that, board president Paul Haxo said.

About 25 people attended a June 7 meeting where the district board approved a tentative budget for the next fiscal year.

They were drawn in part over concern about Police Chief Barry Garfield walking out of a May meeting and not returning. The chief's departure has left the department with half of its 10 officer positions vacant.

"I think the general response has been shock and surprise and concern about Barry," Haxo said. "He made a lot of connections to the community, and he was in some ways the face of the department."

Garfield, who is on personal leave, could not be reached for comment.

The board held a closed session meeting about Garfield on Thursday night, but neither Haxo nor the attorney for the community services district would make any other comments prior to the meeting. Another board meeting is scheduled for next Thursday.

The lack of communication has upset resident Val Paola, who recently started sitting in on district meetings and is distributing fliers around her neighborhood to raise awareness.

"They just don't know how to answer questions," Paola said, "because I believe they're finding themselves in over their heads."

Haxo said it was impossible to comment on a personnel matter.

Acting Police Chief Ricky Hull said that after five years of relative stability within the department, several police officers have left for better pay and commute times. Two officers recently hired are now being trained.

The police shortage has left Kensington at times with just one officer patrolling the community of 5,000, Hull said. The department is accustomed to having two officers on patrol at all times.

Meanwhile, some Kensington residents were shaken by two armed robberies that occurred in front of people's homes in February and March.

But the primary crimes in Kensington are property-related, such as car and home burglaries.

"We do not have the type of crimes you see say in the flatlands of Richmond," Haxo said.

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El Cerrito man detained in airport cell in Israel

■ Piano tuner, an advocate for Palestinians, threatened with deportation

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito resident Paul Larudee has been held for more than a week at a cell in the Ben Gurion airport in Israel while appealing an effort by the government to keep him out of the country.

The Israeli government attempted to deport Larudee after he landed at the airport outside Tel Aviv on June 4, said Greta Berlin, a member of the International Solidarity Movement, which documents the occupation of Palestinians in the West Bank.

Larudee also is a member of the solidarity movement but was in Israel primarily to practice his trade as a piano tuner, Berlin said.

"He said 'I have a skill, something that can contribute to the occupied Palestinians,'" Berlin said. "I will offer piano-tuning services to people who want their pianos tuned."

Jarad Bernstein, the director of media relations for the Israeli Consulate in San Francisco, confirmed that Larudee was awaiting a hearing before a judge to decide whether he can stay in Israel.

His court date was supposed to be Thursday at the Tel Aviv District Court, Berlin said.

While the solidarity movement considers itself a peaceful organization, Bernstein said the group has an agenda that sometimes "interferes with Israel's agenda of providing security to its citizens." He could not provide any examples except to say that members once blocked construction of a security fence in the West Bank.

"The threat we are to Israelis is we tell the truth," said Berlin, adding that the movement has no leaders or headquarters.

Larudee was born in Iran, the son of an Iranian Presbyterian minister and a New England missionary. He lived in Saudi Arabia and Lebanon on and off for about 12 years in various administrative posts before returning to the United States in 1993.

He once bore the scars above his ankle of ricochet gunfire following his role as a human shield in a Bethlehem suburb. The Contra Costa Times wrote about him in 2002.

He lives with his wife in El Cerrito but Berlin said his wife did not want to comment.

"He is such an advocate for justice for Palestinians," Berlin said. "For any of us, it's not an easy cause in this country."

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Larudee

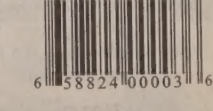
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NEWS BRIEFS

El Cerrito

Vandals target cars on Pomona

In an unusually large case of vandalism, more than 20 vehicles were spray-painted on the 700 and 800 blocks of Pomona Avenue in El Cerrito earlier this week.

"I can't remember the last time a series of cars was spray-painted," El Cerrito Police Cpl. Det. Don Horgan said.

Silver, black and blue spray paint was used to tag license plates, car doors and windows Sunday night, Horgan said.

No one had been arrested for the crime as of Wednesday.

— Alan Lopez

Development specialist to address chamber

El Cerrito economic development program specialist Dwayne Dalman will speak at the next El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce business luncheon June 27. The event will be held at noon at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club. The cost is \$16.

The chamber will also hold a networking mixer from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Kit and Caboodle Hobby Shop, 425 San Pablo Ave. in Albany. For more information about the luncheon, call the chamber at 510-233-7040. Call 510-524-9942 for more information about the mixer.

— Alan Lopez

Hillside group pickets developer's home

Members of the El Cerrito Hillside Organization were planning to picket the home of developer Aaron Vitale on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Vitale wants to build homes on 13 acres of privately owned land near Fairview and Tamalpais avenues. The land is in escrow, with the sale scheduled to close at the end of June.

Vitale lives on Arlington Boulevard, where he has built luxury homes that some residents have criticized as being too large and out of scale for the area. Vitale has an office on San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito.

"It's disappointing they would choose my residence as opposed to my business," he said Wednesday.

Vitale can often be found working at a construction site near his home, ECHO member Paul Starrs said.

"We are trying to be nice about this, and getting his attention is the nicest thing we can do for him," Starrs said.

— Alan Lopez

Cities split grant for Greenway safety

El Cerrito and Albany are splitting an \$807,000 grant to increase safety on the Ohlone Greenway.

El Cerrito is planning to install security cameras near the Del Norte and El Cerrito Plaza BART stations and possibly elsewhere, Public Works Director Jerry Bradshaw said.

Albany will install lighting on its portion, and reconfigure the path at Washington and Portland avenues.

Both cities see occasional assaults and robberies on or near the Greenway.

Bradshaw was not sure when the cameras would be installed. Albany hopes to install the lighting by this fall. The "Safe Routes to Transit" grant money was raised from Regional Measure 2, a voter-approved increase in bridge tolls.

— Alan Lopez

Albany

Court date scheduled for initiative lawsuit

A lawsuit intended to stop an initiative from appearing on the November ballot will go before an Alameda County Superior Court judge on July 19, Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben said.

The lawsuit, filed by Golden Gate Fields racetrack, claims that the proponents of the initiative — Marge Atkinson, Robert Cheasty and Bill Dann — violated the law because they did not publish the initiative in a newspaper certified for legal advertising in Albany.

The initiative is aimed at stopping a potential outdoor shopping mall and housing development that developer Rick Caruso wants to build on the parking lots at Golden Gate Fields.

The lawsuit names Albany and the Alameda County Registrar of Voters as among the defendants because they have continued to count the signatures necessary to place the initiative on the ballot, Zweben said.

"It will be a big party," he said. "A big legal party."

— Alan Lopez

Shooting shuts down Buchanan St.

Two vehicles were struck in a shooting that shut down Buchanan Street in Albany last week.

At 4:15 p.m., police received several reports of shots fired from a vehicle driving east on Buchanan Street between Interstate 80 and Taylor Street.

No one was injured but police shut down that part of Buchanan Street until about 6:45 p.m. June 8, Albany Police Lt. Dan Adams said.

Police interviewed witnesses but still don't know who fired a gun or why. Anyone with information is asked to call Albany police at 510-525-7300.

— Alan Lopez

Berkeley

Children's museum moving to Emeryville

Berkeley is about to lose its hands-on children's museum, Habitot, which has been located in downtown Berkeley since it was founded eight years ago.

Executive Director Gina Moreland said Habitot has signed a letter of intent with the Emery Unified School District to negotiate a lease for the old Ralph Hawley Middle School, just off Powell Street in Emeryville.

She said the Emeryville location offers several advantages, including more space, visibility security and parking.

If all goes according to schedule, Habitot will move in late 2007 or early 2008. More than \$350,000 has been raised from private donors to finance the relocation, and Habitot's board of directors is expected to approve a capital campaign of several million dollars for renovation and new exhibits as soon as the lease is formalized.

— Martin Snapp

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TV personalities keep minds, bodies healthy

Q I saw Art Linkletter on the Larry King show a few months ago and could not believe, at age 92, how good he looked and how sharp he was. Then I watched a special on Mike Wallace, who's somewhere in his late 80s and going strong as ever. How do they do it?

A: Needless to say, I don't know these men, but I can give a few guesses as to how they stay so fit and active. In the first place, they must be quite physically fit to be able to function as well as they do. They must also have the exceptional genetic makeup that allows



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

them to remain able to move sufficiently as well as to think in a clear and rational way in their 80s and 90s.

Of course, these days people

in general are living longer. Longevity has increased dramatically in the past century. All of the medical breakthroughs have made incredible differences.

Vaccines, antibiotics, special medications of all kinds have helped us all to be more active and more healthy in general. Nevertheless, the number of people who survive into their 90s remains relatively small.

Mike Wallace and Art Linkletter have been exceedingly active and visible over the years.

Anyone who has watched television is almost sure to

have seen them. Their shows were very entertaining. To be a TV personality must take a great deal of concentration and were involved in the programs for many years. A long time must be spent working that certain grain certain habit they will be used to many times that do not miss broadcasts and work.

Developing these habits such as these keep growing and working.

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EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Monday, May 29

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1998 Honda Civic was taken from the 2100 block of Junction Avenue sometime between 5 p.m. on May 29 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **SENTRA TAKEN** — A 1992 Nissan Sentra was taken from the 2500 block of Nason Avenue sometime between 10 p.m. on May 29 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

Tuesday, May 30

■ **CIVIC TAKEN** — A 1993 Honda Civic was taken from the 6700 block of Blake Street sometime between 8 p.m. on May 30 and 7 a.m. on May 31. Police later recovered the vehicle on the 1700 block of Manor Circle, while taking a report of a stolen 1992 Ford Escort. The Escort had been taken sometime between 9 p.m. on May 30 and 8:30 a.m. the next day. It was later located in San Pablo.

Wednesday, May 31

■ **CIVIC STOLEN** — A 1997 Honda Civic was taken from the 5400 block of Rosalind Avenue sometime between midnight and 10:30 a.m.

■ **CAMRY TAKEN** — A 1989 Toyota

Camry was taken from the 11600 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime between 2 and 8 p.m.

■ **EXPLORER TAKEN** — A 1995 Ford Explorer was taken from the 800 block of Novell Street sometime between 7 p.m. on May 31 and 6:45 a.m. the next day. A 1998 Honda Civic was taken from the 1200 block of Novell Street sometime between 11 p.m. on May 31 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1996 Ford Crown Victoria was taken from the 700 block of Kearney Street sometime between 8:40 p.m. on May 31 and 10 a.m. the next day.

■ **CAMRY RECOVERED** — Police recovered a stolen 1991 Toyota Camry on the 5400 block of Hillside Avenue. The vehicle had been reported stolen to San Leandro police the previous day.

Thursday, June 1

■ **SCHOOL THEFT** — A safe containing cash was taken from Madera Elementary School sometime between 8 p.m. on June 1 and 8:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **ACCORD TAKEN** — A 1990 Honda Accord was taken from the 10057 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime between 6:45 and 7 p.m.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, June 6

■ **ASSAULT** — An Albany woman called from a pay phone near her home to report that her boyfriend had hit her. Officers responded to her residence on the 700 block of Key Route Boulevard and arrested a 49-year-old Albany man on suspicion of disorderly conduct.

■ **PLANTS STOLEN** — Someone stole several potted plants off the porch of a residence on the 1100 block of Marin Avenue.

■ **BURGLARY** — At about 6:30 p.m. officers arrested a 23-year-old Berkeley woman at the Target store on the 1100 block of Eastshore on suspicion of burglary, petty theft, possession of burglary tools and drug possession.

Wednesday, June 7

■ **BANK ROBBERY** — Shortly before 11 a.m. someone stole cash from a teller at the Bank of America on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. The person, described as a white male adult wearing a beige hat and white T-shirt, simulated a weapon. He was gone when officers arrived.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — At about 4 p.m. someone smashed the window of a green 2006 Honda Element parked on the 900 block of Kains Avenue and stole items from inside.

■ **BATTERY** — At about 8 p.m. officers responded to the 600 block of Adams Street on reports of a disturbance. They arrested a 58-year-old Richmond man on suspicion of battery, assault and DUI.

■ **PAINT BALLS** — During the afternoon, there were several reports of vehicles being hit with paint balls in the area of the 1100 block of Washington Avenue. In one case, a Honda Civic was hit, causing a dent, and juveniles were seen running from the area.

Thursday, June 8

■ **LAPTOP STOLEN** — Someone stole a laptop computer from Ocean View school on the 1000 block of Jackson Street.

Friday, June 9

■ **DUI** — Officers arrested a 57-year-old Richmond woman driving a gray 1990 Volvo on the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue on suspicion of DUI.

Saturday, June 10

■ **ACURA LOCATED** — Officers located a red Acura on the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue that had been reported as stolen from Richmond. The vehicle was towed and the owner notified.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — A window was smashed and property was taken from a 2005 Toyota Camry on the 3200 block of Belmont Avenue sometime between 8 p.m. on June 1 and 6:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **CIVIC RECOVERED** — At 8:25 p.m., police recovered a stolen 1996 Honda Civic on the 700 block of Kearney Street.

Saturday, June 3

■ **DRUG ARREST** — At 8 p.m., police arrested a 40-year-old Richmond man on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine at San Pablo and Potrero avenues. Police stopped the man for riding a bicycle without a helmet.

■ **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** — At 10:30 p.m., police arrested a 25-year-old Oakland man on suspicion of driving while under the influence of a controlled substance. Police stopped the man on the 500 block of Lexington Avenue, and also arrested him for possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Sunday, June 4

■ **THEFT ARREST** — At 2:14 p.m., police arrested a 29-year-old Rich-

mond man at Target on suspicion of stealing batteries, a CD.

Monday, June 5

■ **DRUG ARREST** — A 40-year-old El Cerrito man was arrested near Key Boulevard and bold Avenue on a warrant for possessing and transporting methamphetamine for sale. Chief Scott Kirkland was arrested after stopping him for his registered motorcycle.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — A 1998 Honda Civic was taken from a 6500 block of Farnham Avenue sometime between 7:30 and 3:45 p.m. In addition, a CD was smashed.

Tuesday, June 6

■ **THEFT ARREST** — A 40-year-old El Cerrito man was arrested on suspicion of stealing from a coworker at 23rd Street. The man is suspected of the coworker's credit card computer. The man has the theft every time he uses a computer, police said.

Monday, June 12

■ **NO LICENSE** — A 40-year-old Oakland man stopped at a white 1992 lac on the 1100 block of Pacific Avenue for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver at El Cerrito man, on suspicion of theft and driving without a license.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — A 1998 Honda Civic was stolen from the 1000 block of Pacific Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A 1998 Honda Civic was broken into at 500 block of Pierce Street.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Shortly before 10 a.m. officers responded to the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of someone in the area who was annoying customers asking for money. They arrested a 19-year-old Richmond man on outstanding Sacramento domestic violence.

Weekly summary

Officers responded to 250 calls and stopped 69 vehicles on June 11 a.m. the day before publication, issuing 23 citations and 10 warnings. Firefighters responded to five fire calls and medical emergencies.

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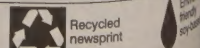
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Alban's bids farewell to the Rev. Jim Stickney

SUNDAY, Father's Day of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Albany will say to its father, the Rev. Jim Stickney, who is ending a 30-year association that goes back to 1976.

Stickney, 60, in December, will call to do some of the things he told me. He said that the church is great at what it does, and the church is a great place to be.

Stickney will announce, "On Sunday, June 18, at 10 a.m., Bishop Gene Robinson will be the guest speaker at St. Alban's. I will be the celebrant, and I will be the reader of the opening prayer and the closing prayer."

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MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

reason I stayed is that my children adore him."

Stickney has accomplished a lot in his 20 years, including instituting special children's services and expanding the church's commitment to the poor.

But his greatest satisfaction has come from performing his ordinary, everyday pastoral duties, such as leading Bible study groups, visiting shut-ins, and counseling people in trouble.

"I've also loved watching the young people in this church grow up," he said.

"My first Sunday here, there was a girl acolyte, an eighth-grader, who walked like a ballerina. Ten years ago I celebrated her wedding. Now she has two kids, and they're members of the congregation, too."

Stickney is a smart, well-educated guy with a sophisticated sense of humor.

But he's never forgotten the value of simple things.

"He's a very prayerful person," said longtime parishioner Deby Beeler. "He always keeps reminding us that faith is the most important thing."

He not only has faith in God, he also has faith in his flock. He empowers them by giving them as much control as possible over church activities.

"He trusts us to make the right decisions," said Beeler. "That frees him to do the things that only he, as a pastor, can do."

As the ancient Chinese philosopher Lao-tzu said, "When the best leader's work is done, the people say, 'We did it ourselves!'"

Sunday's farewell concert starts at 4 p.m. It's a benefit for a project dear to Stickney's heart — the church's access fund, which will build a wheelchair lift and make the bathroom accessible to disabled people.

Contributions can be sent to the St. Alban's Access Fund, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany CA 94707.

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FACES & PLACES

Aspiring leaders headed to Brown

Three El Cerrito High School students are taking part in Brown University's Leadership Institute.

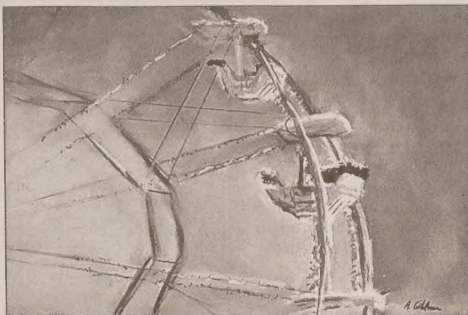
The institute is a two-week residency on-campus at the Providence, R.I., university designed to "help pre-college students develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to practice socially responsible leadership."

Yolaine Banerjee, Malcolm Carson and Lauren Kane from El Cerrito High School will depart for Providence on June 24, living in campus residence halls before returning July 8.

While there, they will complete a course focusing on the academic content area of their choice, including Leadership & Conflict Resolution and the Civil Rights Movement. The students will learn about policy issues in their chosen area and develop skills needed to facilitate discussions, solve problems in group settings, manage differences in leadership style, and practice effective public speaking.

Program applicants had to provide a record of superior academic achievement, letters of recommendation confirming a high level of motivation, and a personal essay.

Six students from El Cerrito High School, meanwhile, will spend part of the next three summers in Hanover, N.H.,



AMY GITELMAN of El Cerrito won first place in the plein air painting contest for her pastel painting of the ferris wheel at the Contra Costa County Fair in Antioch on June 3. Contestants had from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to paint on location at the fair.

participating in the Summer Enrichment at Dartmouth Program. They are Dzinya Djugba, Jean Pierre Fordjour, Jennifer Kuang, Brandon Mills, Jasmine Nunley and Yijun Zhan. Gennie Nunley was selected as an alternate.

The students were recommended for the five-year-old program, and were interviewed by SEAD representatives before being selected.

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— Chris Treadway

Debra Michelle Gilkerson of Albany was awarded a bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering during commencement ceremonies May 20 at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa.

Edward Aaron Hess, a sophomore at Hampden-Sydney College, was named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 2005-06 academic year. He is the son of Paul and Elza Hess of Albany.

— Chris Treadway

ARTIST EXHIBITION: Albany artist Michael-Che Swisher will participate in Alameda's "Jewel By the Bay" Paint Out Invitational from July 19-23. The juried event is organized by the Frank Bette Center. Swisher has been exhibiting at the Frank Bette Center for more than a year, and recently won a Best in Show award.

— Chris Treadway

DOG JOG: Residents can run with their dogs in the Dog Jog in Albany as part of the city's annual July 4 events. The events will be held at Memorial Park, and will include family games, food, a dunk tank, entertainment, jump houses and a climbing wall.

The dog jog will include a one- or two-mile course, a dog-agility demonstration, photo opportunities and pet-related prizes and a goodie bag. The race will begin at 9 a.m. at Memorial Park.

Register for \$12 by Monday and receive a T-shirt. For a race registration form and more information, go online at www.albanyca.org or call 510-524-9283.

— Alan Lopez

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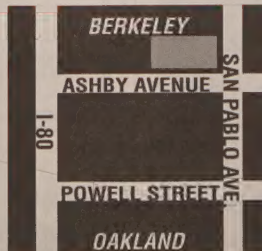
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"I love our earth ... for wet forests that drip, / and dry winds that drift, / for cool mosses that grow, / and warm sunsets that glow."
— From "I Love Our Earth"



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

AS I WAS recently reading my way through the latest arrivals of new children's books, my attention was caught by the four arresting photographs on the cover of a picture book called "I Love Our Earth," by Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson, with photographs by Dan Lipow. These pictures show two young children, a blue sky full of wispy white clouds, and a dirt road through what looks like a plowed hay field.

Because of the title, my first thought was this was going to be yet another one of those children's books with a message — and only a message. A book weighed down by its writers' desire to educate or inform or even shape young children. There are many, many of these books — books written by those who see children as people without senses of humor, taste or preferences. Or who see them as yet another consumer group, another profitable market.

Many of these authors have good intentions, I know. They have taken their feelings about an important issue, like respect or acceptance or bullying, and tried to create a venue for concerned adults to initiate discussion. Some of these books serve this purpose well, and I respect both the need for them and the author's commitment.

But since every child has a sensibility of his or her own, it is essential that there be books that are of value outside of the message. An excellent children's book should be a pleasure to read. The words should stand strong on the page, and be creative or interesting or exciting. They should be worth considering, remembering and feeling.

A young child can only grow to love books if the books are worth loving. And the wonder of language is that it can be simple yet powerful, plain yet humorous, spare yet driving.

"I Love Our Earth" is a wonderful example of simplicity at its beautiful best. Page by page,

photographs of children from all over the world are juxtaposed with page-filling local scenes. Each is captioned in a large, friendly black text that is striking in its accomplishment of child-friendly words and vivid images.

How can one resist "where green grasses ripple" or "where blue oceans curl"? Children who hear this book will take in those words and be inspired to hear them over and over, to repeat them, and perhaps to even create some words of their own. Because if there is anything that can move a child to creativity, it is the presence of outstanding examples of it in their lives.

This is a book full of messages, yet they are presented with an awareness of the importance of beauty and sound. The happy young faces of these international children will affirm for any child there is a world and they are part of it.

The colors alone could be discussed for hours. What are the colors in that sunset? How many hues of gold and green can you find in one sheaf of wheat? Is red too simple a word to describe the brilliance of the tulips?

The scenes, too, will provoke questions and thoughts. Some — like the stark-ridged desert or the star-filled sky — may be unfamiliar to an urban child, and readers can take the opportunity to talk about what these are and the children who are comfortable with them.

There are other books as memorable as this one, and I think it is worth taking the time to find them. They are the ones that help shape the mind and conscience of a child, and in this fast-paced world, that is good.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17.

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what important habits they are! Unfortunately, they are often lost when we get older. Retirement often destroys the need for rigorous thinking.

I also think that it is quite likely that these two men are involved in some kind of physical fitness training. It is so important for anyone who wants to continue to be physically active to have an exercise program of some type. I think it's likely that a private trainer keeps working with each of them to ensure ongoing movement, and utilizes specific types of exercises that are especially beneficial for that. A good trainer is so knowledgeable about which activities will best satisfy specific needs.

Admittedly, I have not seen these men on TV recently, but have they looked younger than might be expected for their age? These days, it is so easy and, for the most part safe, to have cosmetic surgery. High-profile peo-

ple such as these sometimes wish to remain as attractive as possible to their followers.

One more guess about what could be helping these older men to continue their active life. My personal motto that helps me pursue all the activities for which I feel a need and desire is "keep moving." Perhaps Linkletter and Wallace utilize something similar to that. They are almost certain to have employees who encourage the types of practices that keep them on the move, both mentally and physically.

How wonderfully satisfying it is to perform challenging daily physical and mental activities.

E-mail inquiries for Kensington resident Connie Lynch to conniemw@aol.com. Lynch, Ph.D., is the founder of Mind Works, a mental fitness program designed for older adults, and is the author of "Don't Lose Your Mind, Four Components of Superior Mental Fitness." For information on books and classes, call 510-466-5833.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

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■ Children of all ages are invited to take a magical trip to Pasquale's Pet Shop by playing the library's summer reading game — "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales!" The game is available at the library through Aug. 12. The game is open to all ages, and children not yet reading on their own may count time listening to others read. Readers who reach the first prize square on the path receive a book bag, a bookmark and a pizza certificate from Round Table. Players who continue reading and spinning until they reach the end of the path receive a book, a sticker, a bowling coupon from Albany Bowl, and a pin from the San Francisco Giants.

■ Musician and teacher Mandy Cheung and students will use traditional Chinese instruments to perform a variety of enchanting and fascinating pieces on Tuesday at 7 p.m. See and hear the Guzheng, a multi-stringed zither indigenous to China, as well as the four-stringed pear-shaped bent-necked Pipa. This is the first in a series of eight special summer Tuesday evening programs for children and others. It is free, and no registration is required.

■ Make an origami star from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. Learn to fold the easy and elegant 14-point origami star. You can fold it large for display, and small for greeting cards, decorations or gifts. Bring your own wrapping paper or origami paper or use the paper provided by the library. The instructor for this event will be artist, teacher and storyteller Margo Weckler.

■ The Puppet Company will present "Fantasy on Strings," a magical excursion with a variety of 3 feet tall, fully articulated marionettes that include dragons, disco dancing ducks and tap-dancing skeletons, on Tuesday, June 27, at 7 p.m. The performance will use cabaret-style puppetry — where the audience sees the puppeteer dance and perform with the marionette. This is the second event in a series of eight special summer Tuesday evenings for children and others.

■ Wildlife Associates will bring its program "Predators and Their Prey" to the library at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5. Wildlife Associates is a non-profit organization based in San Francisco. It is nationally recognized for its exciting, dynamic and safe wildlife presentations. "Predators and Their Prey" includes an African porcupine, an Arctic fox, a Golden Eagle, a Kookaburra and an Opossum.

■ The library presents featured poet Robert Lipton from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 6. Lipton is the author of the new poetry collection "a complex bravery" (Marick Press), as well as "Bearing Witness in the Promised Land," in: "Live From Palestine" (South End Press). He has received grants from the Berkeley and Alameda community arts programs, and was for many years poetry workshop leader at the Berkeley Art Center.

■ The library presents a drop-in poetry writing workshop, led by Alison Seevak, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12. Seevak is an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area.

■ Weekly singalongs are held Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. with Dale Allen Boland. The sessions are free and for all ages. No registration is required.

■ Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Work on your own project or make pet blankets and children's hats for victims of recent disasters. Instructions, yarn and needles are provided for library projects. No registration is necessary.

El Cerrito Library

6510 Stockton Ave.
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■ Free Internet classes are offered on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please call to register for the following upcoming classes: June 24: How to search the Web; July 1: All about e-mail; July 15: Useful Web sites; July 29: Health and medical information; Aug. 12: Finding newspaper & magazine arti-

cles; Aug. 26: Travel information.

■ The library will offer a series of Monday evening story times from June 26-July 31 at 7 p.m. for ages 3 and older. Each of the meetings, which will include songs and finger-plays as well as stories, lasts about a half hour. The themes for the six story times will be "Here Kitty!" (Cat Stories) on June 26; "Pet Show Stories" on July 3; "Tweet! Tweet!" (stories about birds) on July 10; "Old McDonald's Farm" on July 17; "Fins, Scales and Bubbles" (stories about fish) on July 24; and "Puppy Dog Tales" on July 31.

■ Live animals come to the library at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 8. Several small animals, possibly including a parrot, a hedgehog, a snake, a turtle and/or a lizard, will be part of the Oakland Zoo's Zoomobile presentation that morning. Children of all ages and their parents are encouraged to come to the library to see and hear about the animals, and also to learn more about the Contra Costa County Library's 2006 Summer Reading Program "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales". For more information, call the library at 526-7512.

■ The summer series of lap sit story times at the El Cerrito Library will run from June 29 through Aug. 3. These story times, which meet on Thursdays at 10:15 and 11 a.m. are for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes, and includes songs, bounces, games and finger-plays in addition to the stories.

■ Readers Anonymous book club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. Future titles: June 27: "Gilded" by Marilynne Robinson; July 25: "Stones for Ibarra" by Harriet Doerr.

■ If you would like to learn about the Internet or basic word processing, the library offers hour-long appointments Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Internet docents will help you learn as much as you would like. Call the library to make an appointment.

Kensington Library

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ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

TENNIS TRYOUTS: Interested in the girls tennis team? First day of tryouts is Monday, Aug. 21, at the Memorial Park courts at 3:15 p.m. Medical forms must be in to the school secretary beforehand.

Albany Middle School

ORIENTATION: Orientation for all students will be on Tuesday, Aug. 29. For seventh- and eighth-graders, it will be from 1-2:45 p.m. and for incoming sixth-graders it will be from 3-4 p.m. The first day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 30.

STRINGS RECRUITING: The Albany Middle School String Ensemble is looking for new recruits, and has a policy of accepting advanced elementary school students (grades 4 and 5) who have been playing for at least several years. Auditions will be held the first Tuesday in September. A parent orientation night is planned, and the first class rehearsal will be the second Tuesday in September from 3:25-4:45 in the music room at Albany Middle School.

Cornell Elementary

T-SHIRT SALE: Cornell T-shirts, sweat-shirts and Silly O shirts will be sold after school today. If you are interested in making a purchase, you can do so with cash or check. Questions? Contact Eden O'Brien-Brenner at edobrienbrenner@baymca.org or 510-665-3238.

Marin Elementary

MUSIC CLASSES: Dennie Mehochich, director of the Albany Middle School String Ensemble, will be

teaching beginning strings (violin, viola and cello) starting Tuesday, June 20 in the chorus room at AHS, from 1:15-5:00; intermediate strings from 11 a.m. to 11:50 for string students who have been playing for about one year; and string orchestra (12 to 12:50) for students who have at least two years' experience playing a bowed stringed instrument. Classes run Monday through Friday for four weeks. Each group will give a public performance on Thursday, July 13. Sign-ups for the summer string program are through the Albany Recreation Department. Please call Dennie with any questions at 415-456-6101.

CULMINATION CEREMONY: The fifth-grade culmination ceremony begins today at 12:45, after lunch.

Ocean View Elementary

PROMOTION CEREMONY: Fifth-grade students will participate in a promotion ceremony today from 12:45 until 1:20 in the multipurpose room.

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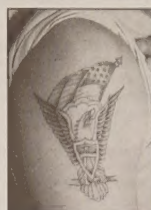
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COMMUNITY

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** — Pet adoptions. **June 17, 24**, 12-3 p.m., cats available at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave., Berkeley. — **June 24**, 12-3 p.m., dogs available at PetSmart, 1001 Eastshore Hwy., Albany. Details: 510-267-1915, hopalong.org.

■ **RabbitEARS Dog Wash fund-raiser** — **June 17**, 12-4 p.m., RabbitEARS Adoption Store, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Bring your dirty dog for an old-fashioned dog wash, warm-water hosing and drying. Donations earmarked for spay/neuter in Contra Costa County. RabbitEARS one year birthday cake for clean dogs, people. Details: 510-525-6155, fbp@petsofcalifornia.com.

■ **KPFA-FM radio station** — Board election committee meeting, **June 21**, 7 p.m., 1929 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Berkeley. 6:45 p.m., refreshments available. — Volunteers needed with skills in outreach, good contacts with community organizations, publicity, design; all are welcome. Nominations open **July 25-Sept. 25**. Volunteers with experience working in community organizations, in grass-roots media and Bay Area activism invited to consider running for board. Details: ballot@kpfa.org.

■ **Summer Solstice Gathering** — **June**

21, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Interim Solar Calendar, Cesar Chavez Park, Berkeley. Exploratorium Teacher Institute's Tony Brady leads workshop on workings of sun, earth and moon; meaning of seasons. Details: solarcalendar.org.

■ **Caltrans presentation** — On Caldecott Tunnel 4th Bore Project, **June 22**, 7 p.m., North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Transportation Commission meeting. Public comments follow presentation. Details: dot.ca.gov/dist4/caldecott.

■ **Senior Housing Options** — North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. **June 22**, 7 p.m., Part 2: "The Needle in the Haystack - Finding the Right Retirement Community" by Donna Robbins. Details: Joann 510-848-1960 x246, joann@thornwallproperties.com.

■ **Kensington Farmers' Market** — Opens **June 25**. Runs year round Sundays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., ACE Hardware parking lot, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. **July 9**, Grand Opening Market Day features music, children's activities, four celebrity chefs, all Kensington residents: Narsai David, Mollie Katzen, Nancy Oakes, and Bruce Aidells.

■ **Berkeley City Club** — Free docent led tours, **June 25**, **July 23**; 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m.; 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Julia Morgan designed this "little castle" with unique blend of Romanesque, Gothic, Moorish architecture. Donations welcome. Details: 510-848-7800, 510-883-9710.

■ **Blood drive** — American Red Cross. **June 27-28**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., East Pauley Ballroom. UC Berkeley, Bancroft & Telegraph avenues, Berkeley. Details: 800-GIVE-LIFE, BeADonor.com (code: UCB).

■ **Albany High School Reunion of the Decade** — **June 30-July 2**. Class of 1976 hosts reunion for those graduating in 1970-1979. **June 30**, 6 p.m., individual class get-togethers. **July 2**, 11 a.m., Memorial Park. Picnic, softball; bring your own beef, buns, briquettes, baseball, bat. Details: ahs1970sreunion.com.

HEALTH

■ **Women's Health Workshops** — Designed for young women ages 14-22 with any disability, women of any age with developmental disabilities. Presentations by Portia Lemons, Disabled Community Advocate. **June 19**, 3-5 p.m., Part I: An Introduction to Being a Healthy Woman and Breast Health. — **June 26**, 3-5 p.m., Part II: Introduction to the Pelvis, Reproduction and Pelvic Exams. — Date TBA: Field trip to visit Breast Health Access for Women with Disabilities (BHAWD) Clinic. Center for Independent Living, 2539 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Registration: Rachel 510-841-4776 x128, movingon@cilberkeley.org.

MUSIC

■ **Welcome to the Circle** — **June 16**, 7:15 p.m., Small Assembly of First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way. Singer, songwriter, community artist Betsy Rose presents an evening of community singing from repertoire of monthly Womensong gatherings and from community musical peace project, Singing For Peace. Donation \$15-\$20 sliding scale. Details: betsyrosemusic.org.

■ **June at Jazzschool** — 2087 Addison St., Berkeley. **June 17**, 8 p.m., Vocal Sauce. \$12. Details: 510-845-5373, jazzschool.com.

Police

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"But people who experience crime in Kensington experience it very personally. The fact that there is crime in Kensington makes the police department very necessary."

Kensington residents began taxing themselves to provide the service in 1979.

In the June 6 election, Kensington voters overwhelmingly approved an increase in the amount of money the district board is allowed to spend annually, to \$2.5 million. State law requires special districts to put spending limits on the ballot every four years.

The community services district also owns Kensington Park, and manages the town's garbage

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collection contract.

According to Haxo, Garfield walked out of the district board's May 25 meeting after complaining that he was being harassed by a board member during discussions about next year's budget. The board is scheduled to make a final decision about the budget June 22.

Graduate

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But he hasn't limited himself musically. At this year's Reno International Jazz Festival, he received first place in a composing contest for "Winter Bloom," a piece he wrote a few years ago, El Cerrito High School music teacher Roland Brown said.

For the school's symphonic band, Alex composed "Strangely Like War," which received a standing ovation. The band went on to play "Land of Make Believe," a Chuck Mangione song Pfeifer-Rosenblum arranged.

Brown said the performances were a highlight of his teaching career.

"It's the high point of a teachers' career when they see a student excel and find their own voice, and show their own initiative to create their own music," he said. "In other words, it's not just about filling an assignment or filling in the bubble but creating actual music that speaks to his life."

Alex is also an accomplished trombonist, and can be heard playing that instrument on his CD.

"He's a very creative guy, just a thoughtful guy and very insightful beyond his years," Brown said.

Alex said that as a freshman he also started the school's environmental club "Green Justice." He started a recycling system for the school and organized a trip to Costa Rica where students studied Leatherback Sea Turtles. He's unsure about whether he

wants to play music and compose for a living. He'll continue studying music at Wesleyan College in Connecticut next year but may also take up a second major such as history or psychology.

"Getting to be a singer and playing guitar would be a really fun career," he said. "Being a composer would be a wonderful

The seats of Clerk of the Court Bruce Morrow will be up for election this November. Morrow began picking up the County Election Department at 524 Main St. 646-4166 for more info.

The district does not have term limits. Haxo, who was with the board since 1999, whose seat is up in 2007, welcomes the renewal in the district.

"The goal," Haxo said, "is to have a police force that is professional and meets the community's needs and expectations."

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Molinari

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Molinari, 18, has been driven not only by music but sports as well.

At Waldorf, she developed a talent for the discus and shot put, and for the last three years was the league champion in both sports. She qualified for the state championship in discus this year and last.

This school year, she became interested in investing, which led to a fascination with macro-economics.

"As I kept reading more and more and more, I got more absorbed into it," she said. "You can't

put down a good novel. This was my good novel."

Molinari represented the African country of Senegal in the Model U.N. program, and received a commendation for her presentations and debating skills.

Albany High School teachers and counselors have lauded Molinari's drive and leadership.

Last fall, James, the economics teacher, said Molinari put together a 32-slide PowerPoint presentation about the school district parcel tax.

"She sort of moderated a public forum on it, the only public forum in town on it," James said. "She really dives into projects, and she's thorough and doesn't stop until she's satisfied she's mastered it."

A Pinole resident, Molinari lived off and on in Albany before moving in with her father, Paul Molinari, last year.

"She's always been strong-willed," said Paul Molinari, an engineer at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. "She's always been very independent."

However, she has not been afraid to take advice from teachers at Albany High, particularly while her parents went through a divorce.

"The most important thing I can say to any kid: When in doubt, ask for help."

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coordination. Many people have found Tai Chi to be a gentle and fun way to work on balance. Secondly, have your physician review your medicines. Some medications, or combination of medications, can make you sleepy or dizzy and thus more likely to fall. Another good idea is to have your vision checked at least once a year. The body relies heavily on the visual system to maintain balance and poor vision can increase your chances of falling. Finally, take steps to make your home safer. Remove

clutter from stairs and places where you walk; pick up small throw rugs; put non-slip mats and grab bars in the bathroom; have handrails on all staircases; make sure there is adequate lighting. Do what you can to prevent falls - you will be doing yourself or a loved one a huge favor.

Alameda Elder Services will be holding a free Balance and Fall Prevention Clinic on June 28, 1PM @ 1721 Webster St., Alameda. For more information or to register call 521-9200 ext. 104.

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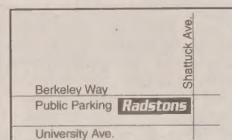
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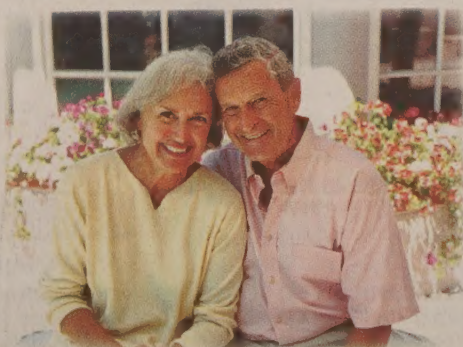
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tivated at market value. Imag-
ination is made between
sellers who are moti-

to sellers who merely want to sell if
the conditions are right.

Sellers who have been trans-
ferred or who have already bought
another home are usually moti-
vated. So are homeowners who
have experienced a change of life
that requires the property be sold,
such as a divorce or death in the
family.

However, beware if the seller is
selling because he'd like to move,
but he's in no hurry. Or, he'll sell
only if he can get a certain price.
Another less-than-motivated seller
is one who'll sell if he can find the
right house to buy.

You could wait for forever for the
seller to find his dream house. If
there's no urgency to sell, the seller
isn't motivated. You're looking for a
seller who will sell, not one who
may sell.

The list price can be an indica-
tor of the seller's motivation. If the
house has been listed for several
months without a price reduction,
this could indicate a less than mo-
tivated seller, depending on the
marketplace.

Find out the average length of
time it takes listings to sell in the
area. A listing that has been on the
market longer than average without
a price reduction is a tip-off that the
seller might be unrealistic. If there's
no pressing need for the sellers to
sell then they'll be less likely to ne-
gotiate if they receive an offer for
less than they want.



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House Hunting

If you're interested in a listing
that has been on the market for
some time without a price reduc-
tion, find out why it hasn't sold. Has
the seller turned down reasonable
offers? If so, keep looking.

Motivated sellers usually prepare
their homes for sale before putting
them on the market. A well-staged
house is a good sign. Another posi-
tive indicator is a listing that's easy
for agents to show.

A listing must be shown in order
to be sold. If the seller insists on re-
stricted showings, the seller is mak-
ing it difficult for agents to do their
job and impeding the sale.

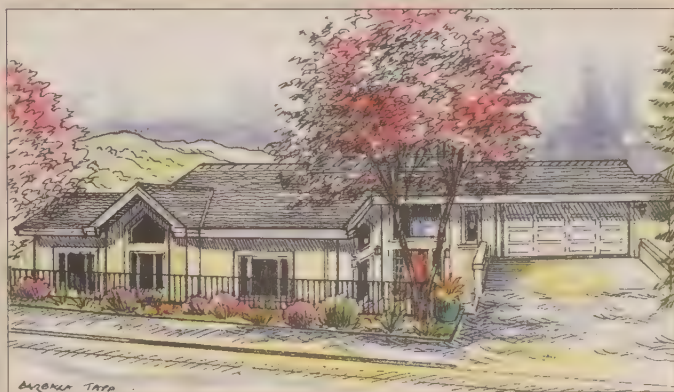
Is the seller ready to listen to of-
fers within a reasonable time after
they're written? Or does the seller
only want to make the time to hear
an offer if the price is right?

THE CLOSING: Negotiation is
back in vogue. If the seller's not flexi-
ble, find one who is.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Two levels above the Claremont Hotel



STAIRS ARE AT A MINIMUM for this split-level 1994 contemporary house nestled in the Berkeley-Oakland hills. Even though the house is large, there are many comfortable and intimate spaces for every-
one. The upper main living level features dramatic Cathedral ceilings with skylights. Natural light floods
the entry corridor, living room, formal dining room, family room, office, bath and gourmet kitchen with
room for everything - even the cook! A large deck for entertaining boasts beautiful views of the South
Bay, canyon, and San Mateo and Dumbarton bridges. The romantic, generous master bedroom and
bath also celebrate these views of the South Bay. A few steps down is the lower living level with two more
bedrooms, bath, another family room with wet bar plus another deck.

Open Houses: Two full weekends: Sat June 24, Early Bird Brunch 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sunday, June 25,
2 to 5 p.m.; Twilight Party 5 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 1, Sunday, July 2, 2 to 5 p.m. both days. Easiest
entry is from Old Tunnel Road, one mile east, up from the Gateway Memorial Garden.

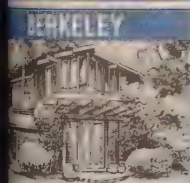
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652-56th Street. New listing! Large 2+BR/1BA
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acre, pool, hot tub, fireplace.
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Sunday 2-4:30 \$559,000
3706 Hillview St. Laurel 3BR/2BA bungalow w/
park-like oasis yard.
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OAKLAND
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coveted street. 4BR/2BA.
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Put the cash in your portfolio to work

When you think about the word "investments," the most common vehicles that come to mind are likely the classics — stocks, bonds and cash. Tailoring the right mix of these asset classes is important in meeting your financial goals and managing the risk in your investment portfolio. Most general asset allocation guidelines suggest a small percentage of your portfolio should be kept in cash or cash alternatives.

Although cash is an important element of an overall investment mix, some investors may place too much emphasis on this one piece of the puzzle. For income-oriented investors, for example, an aversion to low long-term bond yields may mean that cash plays too prominent a role in their portfolios given their overall investment objectives.

Fortunately, several short-term investment alternatives offer opportunities to boost portfolio yield while maintaining risk characteristics that can help keep volatility relatively low and at the same time preserve flexibility to adjust as long-term rates improve.

Among such alternatives, investors may want to consider investing in Treasury bills. Issued by the U.S. Treasury at a discounted price from their face value, T-bills mature in six months or less.

An investment in a Treasury bill improves yield versus cash and offers the investor an opportunity to reinvest relatively quickly. Because they are backed by the full faith and

credit of the United States government, T-bills are among the most creditworthy instruments available to investors.

Interest accrued on Treasury bills is exempt from state taxes but subject to federal income tax.

Depending on your time horizon for your investments, another option to consider is investing in a brokered certificate of deposit. Similar to a bond, when you invest in a brokered CD you are loaning money for a specific time period — most CDs have maturities between three months and 10 years.

During that period, you earn interest on your deposit, and the face value of the investment is returned to you at the end of the specified time.

The maturity date and interest rate are set when you purchase a CD. As a result, you can select both the investment period that is most appropriate for your individual financial needs.

With current rates at or above 5 percent for CDs of 18 months or longer maturity, you can see that these investments provide significant yield compared to just leaving your excess cash sit idle.

While most investors intend to hold their CDs until maturity, CDs can be sold or, in some cases, redeemed prior to maturity.

Like other fixed-income investments, the market value of a CD will vary depending on prevailing interest rates, the length of the CD's maturity and other special features of the CD. In general, when interest



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Money Matters

rates rise, a CD's value will decrease and vice versa. Keep in mind, if a CD is sold prior to maturity, you may receive less than the original cost.

While the above are just a few examples of alternatives for the cash portion of your portfolio, it is important to remember that each piece of your allocation has an important place in your overall investment mix.

Managing your asset allocation is vital to meeting your long-term goals and managing risk. While maintaining an appropriate cash allocation helps build in cushion and flexibility, being overweight in cash may result in an unnecessary sacrifice of yield, so it is important to maintain a proper balance.

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You just never know when something might come in handy

Number 495 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Anet's mom confessed something funny the other day. She told Anet that she had opened a large kitchen cupboard to find that it was so full, nothing could be added. And embarrassing though it was to admit that the cupboard was full of plastic bags. Perfectly good, certainly reusable plastic bags, lots of them.

Anet's mom looked at the bags she had collected inside her kitchen cupboard and she realized that she was not going to be able to throw those bags away. Keeping always in mind the Depression, she knew that if an item is serviceable and potentially useful, it must be saved. Out loud she said "I wonder who could use these?"

Anet's sister who happened to be there at the time replied, "Mom, I know just who can use these bags. Put them all together and give them to me."

Anet's mom knows where those bags are going and it's not to some deserving person. Telling Anet about the bags, she laughs heartily, says she's pretending that someone will be glad to get her collection, and explains that she just can't help it. She can't throw out things that are still good.

We've had a number of clients who felt the same, people who can't let anything good go to waste. When it came time to clear out their houses before moving, they devoted themselves to finding the right placement for every item they no longer wanted. Often it took months to go through



TARPOFF AND SISTER

closets and cupboards, sought responsible buyers, schools, libraries and food banks. When they gave away what was left, a number of clients mentioned the White Elephant sale they hoped to give away money for the Oakland

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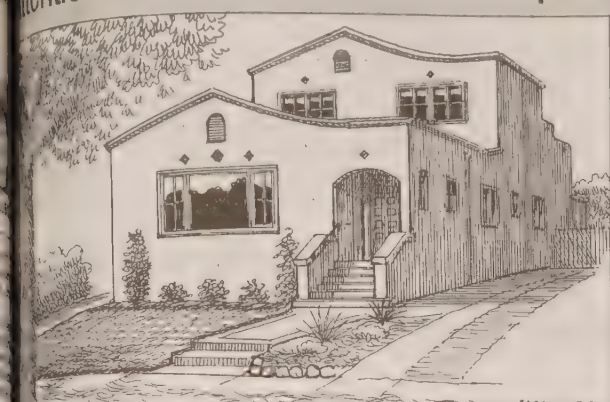
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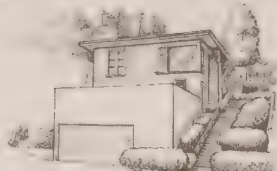
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News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries

FOR THE PUBLIC

Consumer Web

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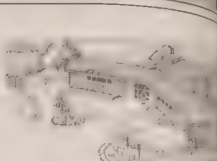


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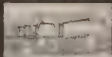


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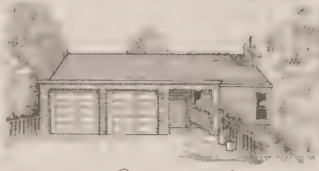
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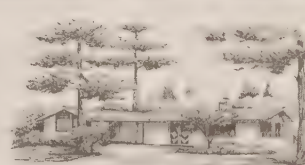
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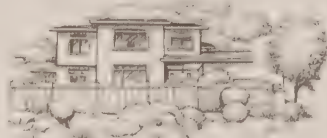
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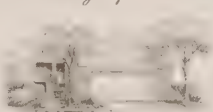
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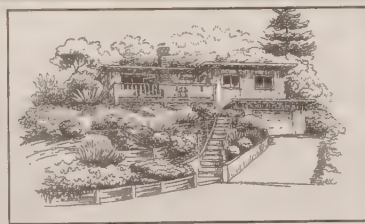
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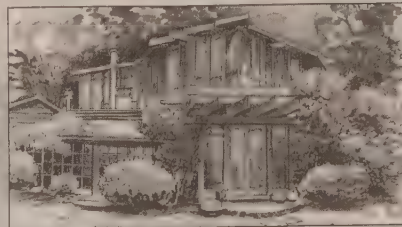


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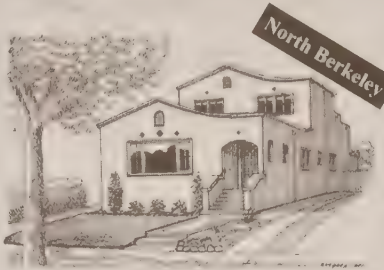
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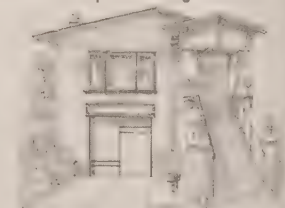
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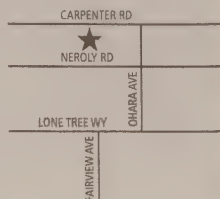
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Chris & Sandy x54 \$875,000



131 San Carlos Ave., El Cerrito Open Sunday, 2:00-4:30

New Listing! Great home in the heart of the coveted St. Jerome's neighborhood. Built in 1938, then fully remodeled & expanded in 1990s. Now 3 bdrms, 2 baths, w/new mstr bdrm & bath, & fam/play rms off beat. kit. Lrg liv rm w/cathedral ceiling & flpl, formal din rm, gorgeous quarter-sawn oak flrs. Corian counters, custom maple cabinets & flrs. Priv. yd w/2 redwd decks. Award-winning landscaping w/fruit trees & flowers.
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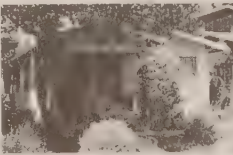
1417 A Spruce, Berkeley Open Sunday, 2:00-4:30

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New Listing! Delightful 2-bdrm bungalow with fabulous bkyd retreat. Freshly painted inside & out, the home includes a large, sunny, eat-in kit, & formal dining & living rm fireplace. The yard boasts beautiful deck, stone patio & garden studio. 1 block off Solano Ave.
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New Listing! 2-bdrm Edwardian features Corinthian crown molding, a gracious 2-story floor plan and meaningful upgrades. Wonderfully expansive flat rear lawn, new foundation, lower-level plus room and second bath. Great Glenview/Diamond location.
Mary Lou Allen x53 \$620,000



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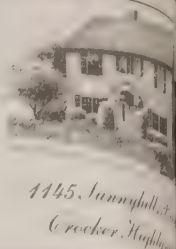
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setting, convenient location.
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2968 MORGAN AVE. SUN 2 - 5
1+ BR 1+ BA Charming cottage in
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room w/closet + sunny yard
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OAKLAND \$429,000
6831 MOKELUMNE AVE. SUN 2 - 4:30
2+ BR 1 BA Bright living/dining rm
combo. Kit w/deck access & sunny
backyd. Att garage & extra space.
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OAKLAND \$429,000
3917 EDWARDS AVE. SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 1.5 BA Sweet Traditional w/hwdwd
flrs, LR w/frplc, spacious level bkdy! Grt
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The agencies you should seek out include your state housing finance agency, municipal housing and redevelopment authorities and neighborhood revitalization/community development agencies.

Your goal of growing \$4,000 to \$60,000 is unrealistic. Building equity in real estate takes time, knowl-

edge of real estate markets and, depending on the property, other skills as well. Many homeowners starting out have purchased existing properties, made improvements and later sold for a nice profit.

The gain on the sale of a personal residence that has been occupied for two out of the last five years, up to \$500,000 for a married couple (\$250,000 for a single person), is not taxed.

The ability to buy the right prop-

erty depends on knowledge of the market and your interest in personally making some of the improvements. This is commonly referred to as "sweat equity" and is a good place to start building wealth for your ultimate dream home.

Q. I bought a home in March 2004. I just received a statement from a delinquent tax service stating that my local school real estate

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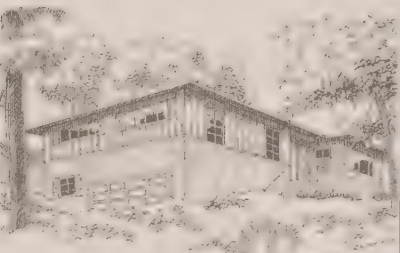
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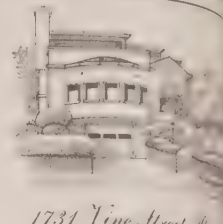
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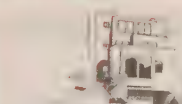
CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,589,000
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Contemp. Mediterranean. 4bd/3bath, spectacular SF views, spacious flrplan, HWF's, formal LR/DR, family room, lg kitch w/courtyard entry. A must see. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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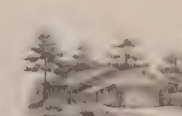
MONTCLAIR \$799,000
2873 BURTON DR
Pano view of Bay, SF. Charming trad'l across from Regional Park, hwdw, French windows, level yard, many upgrades. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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3957 OAKMORE ROAD
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GLENVIEW \$672,000
1334 EVERETT AVENUE
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LAUREL (UPPER) \$619,000
4526 PAMPAS AVE
Lovely 3bd/1ba Tudor w/ fab yard in desirable Upper Laurel neighborhood. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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BERKELEY \$599,000
2530 SACRAMENTO STREET
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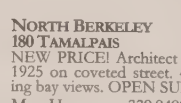
SAN LEANDRO \$529,000
220 FARRELLY DRIVE
Adorable bungalow bursting with charm. New roof, heating, electrical, A/C, plus patio room. Professional landscaping too. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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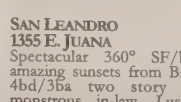
ALLENDALE \$439,000
2816 VIOLA STREET
Light, airy 2bd/1ba bungalow, open flr plan, new hwdw flrs, updated kitchen, attached garage, artist's studio in sunny, spacious backyard! OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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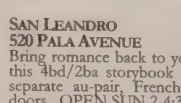
EASTMONT \$425,000
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MAXWELL PARK
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LOWER LAUREL
4010 FULLEINGTON STREET
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1209 90TH
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pay this tax or it goes the county prothonotary's office to start legal proceedings, with additional cost and interest. I have contacted my mortgage company. They are looking in to this. What should I do if the 30 days go by?

A. You should pay the delinquent tax to avoid any additional charges. The unpaid tax is the responsibility of the seller. You should contact your real estate agent and ask that they contact the seller's agent to collect this fee from the seller. This expense may be covered under your title insurance policy. You should review your title insurance policy and contact the company should the seller not pay this property tax.

Q. I recently changed jobs and would like to roll over my 401(k) (approximately \$100,000) into a traditional IRA. How can I then use the funds as a down payment on an apartment building and hold that building as an asset in my IRA? I am 50 years old. I have heard this can be done.

A. Great question! This little-known, self-directed retirement investment option applies to traditional IRAs, 401(k) and 403(b) plans as well as several other retirement savings vehicles. Surprisingly, self-directed IRAs have existed since 1974 but have generally not benefited from extensive media exposure.

In order to convert your retirement funds, you will need to find a third party administrator who will be responsible for the administration and recordkeeping required by the IRS. Your best option to investigate the process is to do a Web search under "self-directed IRAs." You will find that there are several companies that provide this service.

On the surface this conversion of your retirement funds is appealing. You should, however, remember that you will be moving from a passive role where someone else is managing your retirement savings to a situation that will require

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1344 OXFORD STREET, BERKELEY

Unique level entry 4+ bedroom, 3+ bath home steps from the bus line. Master suite in condition! Many updates! Large front porch. Call for more info.

LISTED AT \$549,000

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New Listing!

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2401-2403 CEDAR STREET, BERKELEY

This is a great starter home or investment property. It has a large front porch, a full kitchen, a full bathroom, and a full living room. It is in a great location, close to the bus line and the park. Call for more info.

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Renovated with Permits

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Newly renovated 3 bedroom, 1 bath with large studio, done with permits. This low maintenance property is ideal for investors, 1031 or large families.

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Excellent Starter Home

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6608 PORTOLA DRIVE, EL CERRITO

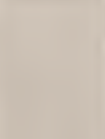
This excellent starter home has many updates: new roof, new dual pane windows, new furnace, extraordinary landscaping. New interior & exterior paint. Hardwood floors throughout.

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BERKELEY - NEW! \$825,000
3/2 - Expanded Mediterranean style home near Monterey Market. Hardwood floors, formal dining room, large backyard, master suite
1273 Monterey Avenue Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! \$799,000
DUPLEX - Bright & cheerful mirror image 1+ bedroom duplex in Gourmet Ghetto. Individual gardens / garages, formal dining room, & more.
2401-2403 Cedar Street Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! \$899,000
4+4/3.5 - Gourmet Ghetto cottage. Big open kitchen, formal dining room, sun porch, plenty of closet space, thermal paneled windows
1344 Oxford Street Open 1-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! \$549,000
2+1 - Charming, artistic retreat with huge yard; expansion possibilities. Formal dining room, wood floors. Vibrant neighborhood.
2219 9th Street Sat & Sun 1-4:30



BERKELEY \$619,000
2/1 - Wonderful 1942 cottage on quiet street. Hardwood floors, many windows, deck off second bedroom leads to level yard with room to garden.
1516 Juanita Way Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$1,095,000
3/1.5 - Tudor jewel with lush country yard & Bay view. Living room with cathedral ceilings. Hot tub. www.justsellmyhouse.com
763 Cragmont Avenue Open 2-4



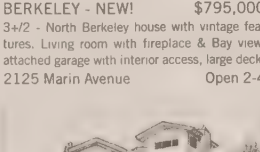
BERKELEY \$1,050,000
3/3.5 - Beautifully restored 1914 Tudor near Berkeley's Rose Walk with sweeping Bay views, all new baths, kitchen & deck
2577 Rose Street Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! \$629,000
2/2 - Amazing townhouse in private gated community away from street. Living/dining room with fireplace, patios, garden, private parking.
1151 Hearst Avenue Open 2-4



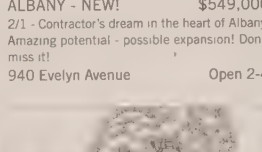
BERKELEY - NEW! \$629,000
2/1 - Updated Craftsman. Formal dining room with built-ins, remodeled kitchen & bath, designer colors throughout, full basement, garage.
2159 Emerson Street Open 2-5



BERKELEY - NEW! \$795,000
3+1/2 - North Berkeley house with vintage features. Living room with fireplace & Bay view, attached garage with interior access, large deck.
2125 Marin Avenue Open 2-4



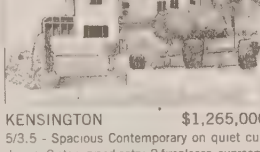
ALBANY \$469,500
2/2 - Third floor corner unit at Bayside Commons. Private balcony with hill views, fireplace, new paint. Gated complex
535 Pierce Street #5309 Open 1:30-4



ALBANY - NEW! \$549,000
2/1 - Contractor's dream in the heart of Albany. Amazing potential - possible expansion! Don't miss it!
940 Evelyn Avenue Open 2-4



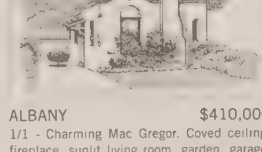
ALAMEDA - NEW! \$580,000
3/1.5 - Charming, sunny home in a quiet tree-lined neighborhood. Hardwood floors, front and backyard.
824 Pacific Avenue Sat & Sun 2-4



KENSINGTON \$1,265,000
5/3.5 - Spacious Contemporary on quiet cul-de-sac. 2-story grand entry, 2 fireplaces, sunroom, hardwood floors, views. Kensington schools.
37 Lam Court Open 2-4



EL CERRITO - NEW! \$499,000
2/1 - Excellent starter home with many updates. New roof, new dual pane windows, new furnace, new landscaping.
6608 Portola Drive Sat 12-2, Sun 1-5



ALBANY \$410,000
1/1 - Charming Mac Gregor. Coved ceiling, fireplace, sunlit living room, garden, garage. Convenient neighborhood, near all
504 Evelyn Avenue Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW! \$895,000
HOUSE+WAREHOUSE - Development Opportunity! 3+1/2 grand Victorian and a warehouse on 9,620 sq.ft. lot. Both need work.
1014-20 60th Street Sat & Sun 1-4



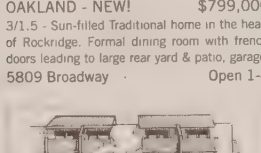
OAKLAND - NEW! \$835,000
4+1/4 - Big modern house 3,350 sq.ft. on over 1/3 acre lot. Expansive city & Bay views. Two levels of living for several generations.
7865 Outlook Avenue Open 2-4:30



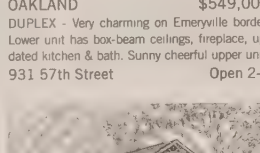
OAKLAND - NEW! \$649,000
3/1 - Hardwood floors, fireplace, rich paint, built-ins, formal dining room, hillside view through picture window, rooftop deck, garden.
444 Sunnyslope Avenue Open 2-4



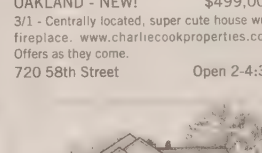
OAKLAND - NEW! \$899,000
4/2 - Luxury of a grand old estate. Stunning woodwork & architectural details. Over 2,600 sq.ft. living space. Sun porch
373 Warwick Avenue Open 2-4



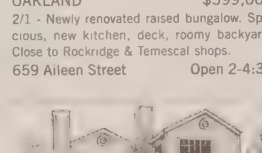
OAKLAND - NEW! \$799,000
3/1.5 - Sun-filled Traditional home in the heart of Rockridge. Formal dining room with french doors leading to large rear yard & patio, garage
5809 Broadway Open 1-4



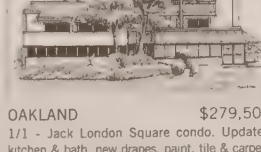
OAKLAND \$549,000
DUPLEX - Very charming on Emeryville border. Lower unit has box-beam ceilings, fireplace, updated kitchen & bath. Sunny cheerful upper unit.
931 57th Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$499,000
3/1 - Centrally located, super cute house with fireplace. www.charliecookproperties.com Offers as they come.
720 58th Street Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND \$599,000
2/1 - Newly renovated raised bungalow. Spacious, new kitchen, deck, roomy backyard. Close to Rockridge & Temescal shops.
659 Aileen Street Open 2-4:30



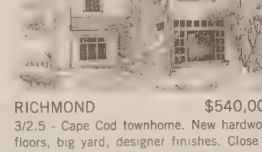
OAKLAND \$279,500
1/1 - Jack London Square condo. Updated kitchen & bath, new drapes, paint, tile & carpets throughout. www.eastbayhomesandmore.com
7 W Embarcadero #200 Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND \$699,000
DUPLEX - Charming Craftsman duplex with 3-bedroom owner's unit. Large lot, original details, landscaped garden.
372-374 Adams Street Open 2-4:30



RICHMOND ANNEX - NEW! \$525,000
2/1 - Farmhouse-style home with office & plus spaces. Hardwood floors, fireplace, some views. Near El Cerrito Plaza. www.pamela-manning.com
2301 San Mateo Street Open 2-4:30



RICHMOND \$540,000
3/2.5 - Cape Cod townhome. New hardwood floors, big yard, designer finishes. Close to park, marina & trails. www.katiendmark.com
213 Commodore Drive Open 2-5



OAKLAND - NEW! \$329,000
STUDIO - Creative & handsome studio with remodeled kitchen, stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, storage.
730 29th Street #210 Open 2-4



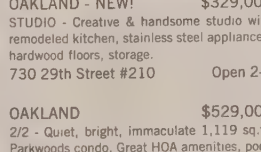
OAKLAND \$449,000
2/1 - Contemporary condo. Bay view, new tile & granite kitchen & bath, bamboo floors, large private patio, laundry, parking. Dues \$186.
2934 Morgan Avenue Open 2-4:30



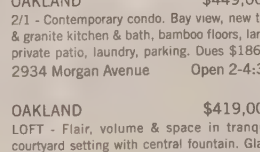
RICHMOND - NEW! \$539,000
3/1 - Newly renovated house + a large studio both with permits. Excellent low maintenance for investors, 1031 or large families.
935 35th Street Sat 12-2, Sun 2-4:30



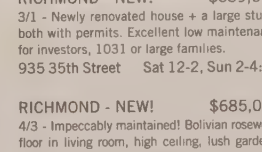
RICHMOND \$480,000
3/2.5 - Light and bright house with lots of outdoor space. Remodeled kitchen, new floors, new heater, 2-car garage.
2542 Treestyle Way Saturday 2-5



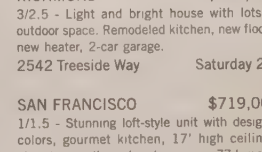
OAKLAND \$529,000
2/2 - Quiet, bright, immaculate 1,119 sq.ft. Parkwoods condo. Great HOA amenities, pool, gym, 2 parking spaces, and more.
260 Caldecott Lane #209 Open 1:30-4:30



OAKLAND \$419,000
LOFT - Flair, volume & space in tranquil courtyard setting with central fountain. Glass block, sleeping mezzanine, skylights, & more.
2932 Filbert Street #6 Open 2-4



RICHMOND - NEW! \$685,000
4/3 - Impeccably maintained! Bolivian rosewood floor in living room, high ceiling, lush garden / play area, new carpet throughout, 2-car garage.
5016 Buckboard Way Open 2-4:30



SAN FRANCISCO \$719,000
1/1.5 - Stunning loft-style unit with designer colors, gourmet kitchen, 17' high ceilings, close to everything downtown. www.77dow.com
77 Dow Place #307 Open 2-5

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by appointment

BERKELEY \$899,000
FOURPLEX - Well maintained two 1+ bedroom units and two 1-large-bedroom units in Elmhurst. Hardwood floors, built-ins, charm.

OAKLAND \$739,000
3/2.5 - Beautiful Montclair home has new bamboo floors & new carpet upstairs, updated kitchen with granite counters.

BERKELEY \$579,000
COMMERCIAL CONDO - Amazing & fully remodeled. Custom cabinets, granite counters, washer/dryer in unit, stainless steel appliances.

OAKLAND \$1,149,000
FOURPLEX - Rare opportunity to condo convert a trophy building in the Glenview. Beautiful inside & out, this is a must see!

BERKELEY \$769,000
4/3 - Fabulous 4-year old home in thriving "Left Bank" neighborhood. Designer kitchen, gleaming wood floors. www.heidiandjerry.com

OAKLAND \$765,000
3+1/2 - Rockridge Craftsman. Living room with fireplace, separate dining room, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, garden with hot tub.

BERKELEY \$785,000
DUPLEX - Glorious golden duplex on huge lot. Upstairs: 2/1.5 + large attic. Downstairs: 2/1. www.justsellmyhouse.com

RICHMOND \$729,000
3/2.5 - Single family home in beautiful Breakers community. Upgraded kitchen with granite & top of the line appliances.



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Q. What if anything should I keep from each refinance? Don't be afraid to be specific with document names.

A. As a general rule I keep all documents like this and tax returns for 10 years. Many readers may see this as an unwarranted practice. However, if any problems were to occur you would have a good starting point for their resolution.

Q. I would like some info on selling a piece of land. The land was purchased in 1982 for \$24,000. We sold it in 2005 for \$500,000. We were in halves with my brother, so we split the profit, leaving me with \$250,000, and of course I had to pay a real estate commission and some fees for recording. The attorney withheld \$16,000 for state taxes. I am retired and live on Social Security. What percent do I have to pay on the capital gains? The land is in South Carolina and I live in Georgia. If you can help me I would appreciate it. Thanks.

A. You will be subject to state and federal long-term capital gains taxes on your profit. To determine your profit, take your net sales proceeds and deduct your share of the purchase price and the cost of any improvements. This amount will be subject to a federal long term capital gains tax of 15 percent. Check with your attorney to determine what taxes were paid with the \$16,000 that was withheld from your proceeds. The fact that you are retired and receive Social Security income is irrelevant to your tax liability.

Dr. Thomas Musil is the director of the Shenahon Center for Real Estate in the College of Business at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. He has over 25 years of experience in real estate as a broker, analyst, consultant and expert witness in real estate litigation and arbitration disputes. E-mail questions to: tmusil@stthomas.edu. Please include your name, city and state.

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4727 DAVENPORT. 3 Bdrm/2 Bath. \$509,000

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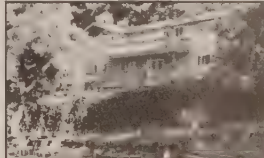
Great New Price. Private, elegant Mediterranean at the end of a cul-de-sac with exquisite views of San Francisco and the Bay. Fabulous kitchen and open areas. \$2,890,000

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New Listing. Mid-century contemporary fixer on 3.91+-ac. Already subdivided into 3 separate parcels, the land has extreme privacy and views of the reservoir/country club. \$1,800,000

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New Listing. Wonderful 1920's bungalow home at the Rockridge border. Large updated kitchen, home office, and spacious yards. Conveniently located. \$549,000

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Premier Gated View Estate. Premier Orinda Country Club gated view estate on 1.12+-ac. 5+bd/3+ba home with eat-in kitchen, guest unit, sauna, pool and spa. \$2,749,000

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One of a Kind in Reliez Highlands. Outstanding views of the valley from this 4bd/3ba plus den classic home. The 0.6+-acre lot has paths thru gardens/fruit trees. \$1,469,000

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Piedmont Ave. Triplex
257 38th St., Open Sunday 2-4:30



Fabulous Piedmont Ave. brown shingle triplex! New granite kitchens, baths, foundation and roof. One unit is large 3bd, 2ba with master suite and roof deck. There is a 1 bd with formal dining room, box beamed ceilings, spacious living room for entertaining. Quirky Jr. 1bd looks out on garden with waterfall & gazebo. All units have gleaming hardwood floors and new carpets and paint.

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Teri L. Lester 531-7000 x262



1451 KENWOOD COURT \$625,000
Fairfield. This 2-story contemporary home is set in the Rolling Hills area of Fairfield. 4BD/2.5BA, spacious living room with fireplace and formal dining room with French doors leading to an enclosed deck. A 2-story ceiling adds drama and light to the family room. Oak cabinets throughout the kitchen and refinished parquet floors. Plenty of room for a play area and barbeque in the back yard, landscaped front yard with mature trees and plants.

Open Sunday 1:00pm-4:00pm
Margaret Acevedo 531-7000 x244



1451 RAWSON STREET \$549,000
Maxwell Park. New Listing! Ultra-charming remodeled 3BD/1BA with fabulous garden terrace. Living room with elegant fireplace and beautiful multi-pane windows with views, painted in decorator colors, hardwood floors, updated kitchen with greenhouse window, basement for storage, large attached garage with interior access, amazing landscaped garden with serene waterfall, charming brick patio, meandering stone path and flowers galore.

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

BY APPOINTMENT



3225 MADERA AVENUE \$539,000
Maxwell Park. Charming Tudor with lovely city views, 2BD/1BA, spacious living room and formal dining room, breakfast nook with built-ins, private patio, attached garage, lots of storage. Freshly painted inside and out-a home to fall in love with.

Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242

1241 HOMESTEAD AVENUE #221 \$299,000
Walnut Creek. This clean and cute 1BD/1BA corner unit includes a private ground level patio, great for summer bbq's. Large closets, nice layout. Close to downtown shops. Easy access to BART, bus and freeways. Shell Ridge Open Space, Iron Horse Trail and Heather Farms all nearby. View photo's at www.rockridgedigs.com.

Open Sunday 1:00pm-4:00pm
Elisa Uribe 531-7000 x272



LINCOLN HEIGHTS ASKING \$599,500
Delightful three plus bedroom, two bath home with large level yard, spacious eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors and new carpet.

Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242

BY APPOINTMENT

BARGAIN FIXER \$888,000
Montclair. Approximately 3200sqft, 4BD/3.5BA home built in 1993 located in 1.5 million plus neighborhood.

Sylvia or Gerald 540-8566

MONTCLAIR FIXER \$679,000
Montclair. Large 4BD/2BA home in nice creekside setting needs help. Excellent location with easy access to Village. Adjacent lot also for sale.

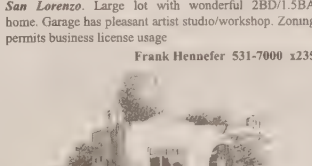
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INCOME FOR SALE



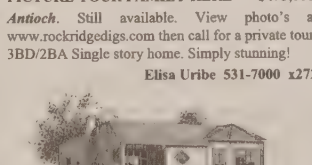
GREAT EL CERRITO HILLS LOCATION \$599,000
El Cerrito. Lovingly cared for 3BD/2BA mid-century beauty on gorgeous street. Hardwood floors, vaulted, beamed ceilings; recently tiled kitchen and hall bath French doors out to sunny patio with lots of room above for roses, veggies, fruit trees.

Don Dunning 531-7000 x239



UPDATED HOME \$579,000
San Lorenzo. Large lot with wonderful 2BD/1.5BA home. Garage has pleasant artist studio/workshop. Zoning permits business license usage.

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235



MARVELOUS NEIGHBORHOOD \$565,000
Laurel. This stylish 2BD/1BA bungalow offers a new foundation, updated eat-in kitchen and bathroom, bonus areas, new dual paned windows, beautifully landscaped front and backyards. A detached garage with extra separate room.

Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292

PICTURE YOUR FAMILY HERE \$495,000
Antioch. Still available. View photo's at www.rockridgedigs.com then call for a private tour. 3BD/2BA Single story home. Simply stunning!

Elisa Uribe 531-7000 x272

LAND FOR SALE

5 HOMES ON 8+ ACRES \$4,398,000
Wonderful property waiting for investor/developer. Located off I-5 in Corning, CA. Fast developing area of new homes and commercial.

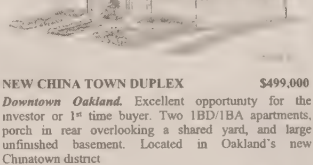
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HOME/INCOME POTENTIAL \$885,000
Adams Point. Originally built as a large four bedroom, three bath home. Converted to units in the 50's. Only one unit is occupied and the layout is such that conversion to SFR!

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

VICTORIAN FOUR PLEX \$825,000
Oakland. Queen Anne Victorian four blocks from Jack London Sq. Great alternative to stuffy live/work loft in huge building. This has privacy and great locale.

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235



NEW CHINA TOWN DUPLEX \$499,000
Downtown Oakland. Excellent opportunity for the investor or 1st time buyer. Two 1BD/1BA apartments, porch in rear overlooking a shared yard, and large unfinished basement. Located in Oakland's new Chinatown district.

Beth DeAtley 531-7000 x234

FIVE PLUS ACRES IN ORINDA \$1,600,000
Orinda. Panoramic 360 degree Bay and Contra Cost Views. Large level area. Zoned A2. Horses allowed.

David Hennigan 531-7000 x229

FABULOUS DOWNSLOPE WITH VIEWS \$485,000
Skyline. With survey, soils and approved design review plans. Marvelous open floor plan with 4BD/4.5BA. View at www.ElvertonLot.com

Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292

BUILT YOUR DREAM HOME \$259,000
Montclair. Downslope lot in pretty creekside setting. Best Montclair location, utilities in street, survey and soils report (dated 2000) available.

Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242

ANTIOCH DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY \$429,000
0 Wilbur Avenue (next to 105 Wilbur Avenue). 1/4 Acre zoned for up to 15 units. Level and sloping topography, all utilities available.

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Adorable bungalow on wide tree-lined boulevard in darling neighborhood. 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Living room with fireplace. Formal dining room. Large eat-in kitchen. Beautifully refinished hardwood floors. Two-car garage, laundry room, large level yard. Close to shopping and transportation.

Offered at \$515,000



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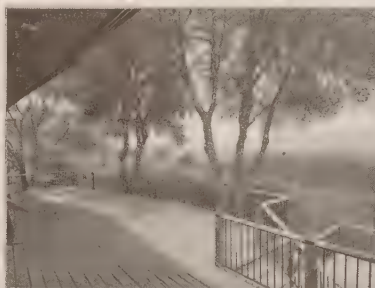
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162 Crestview Drive,
Orinda

Offered at \$1,999,000

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COMING SOON IN PIEDMONT PINES

Overlooking San Francisco Bay, this Tuscan Villa of incomparable quality is nearing completion. Hand-picked limestones, granite, original cast moldings, and the finest woods are tastefully combined to create an elegant residence. Set on approximately .26 acres of secluded grounds this 4 bedroom, 3 bath Piedmont Pines Villa is a statement of elegance and sophistication, offering more than 3300 sq. ft. of luxurious living and expansive terraces.



Price upon request



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596 Antonio Court, Lafayette ~ Open Sunday, June 18th 1-4pm



NEW LISTING! Enchanting brown shingle, updated one-level with magical gardens, solitude & character. Spacious great room, remodeled kitchen with custom-built cherry cabinetry and gourmet appliances. Secluded patios, level lawn area surrounded by open space. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.

More Photos at www.NancyRothman.com

Offered at \$1,015,000

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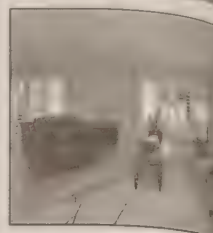
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Outstanding Sequoyah Heights townhouse. Extensively upgraded with style and pizzazz, this inviting home offers:

- 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths
- Tastefully remodeled kitchen & baths (expanded bath with double shower)
- Spacious living room, dining area, eat-in kitchen
- Master suite with vaulted ceiling
- Peaceful setting with filtered view
- Patio & garden for comfortable outdoor living
- 2-car attached garage



33 Ironwood, Oakland
Offered at \$619,000



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NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING ~ HILL LIVING AT ITS FINEST

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JUNE 17 & 18, 2-4:30PM



This handsome 1950's Custom Colonial Ranch is perfectly sized for a family that offers ultimate privacy and tranquility of the secluded path to an expansive San Francisco Bay view.

- 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths (approx. 3600 sq. ft.)
- Den with fireplace and lower level family room with fireplace
- Large lot (approx. 22,470 sq. ft.)

6321 Chelton Drive, Oakland
Offered at \$1,295,000



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FIRST OPEN IN REDWOOD HEIGHTS

OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2-4:30PM
TWILIGHT TOUR, JUNE 21, 6-8:30PM

Immaculate home in sylvan setting. 3 spacious bedrooms/2 baths on the main level with gorgeous living and dining rooms. Random plank hardwood floors. LARGE family room, half bath, laundry with access to patio and level rear garden. Close to park. A great house!



4438 Norton Avenue, Oakland ~ Offered at \$769,500



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ELEGANT PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN

21 Richardson Way, Piedmont
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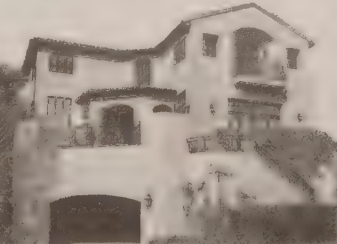
Classic home with exceptional details

- ◆ Four-plus bedrooms, 2½ baths
- ◆ Modern kitchen
- ◆ Bay-view master suite
- ◆ Beautiful breakfast room level-out to patio



MAGNIFICENT BAY-VIEW "PALAZZO"

6130 Acacia Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$2,200,000



Truly majestic, and aimed right at the Bay Bridge, this fresh, inviting home offers:

- ◆ Five bedrooms, 4 baths
- ◆ Huge, chef's kitchen opening to a large family room and patios
- ◆ Wonderful Bay-view master suite
- ◆ Enormous storage

CHARMING PIEDMONT COTTAGE

JUST LISTED! 610 Moraga Avenue, Piedmont
Offered at \$889,000

- ◆ Three bedrooms, 2 baths
- ◆ Large, updated, modern kitchen
- ◆ French doors level-out to sunny back garden
- ◆ Close to schools and transportation

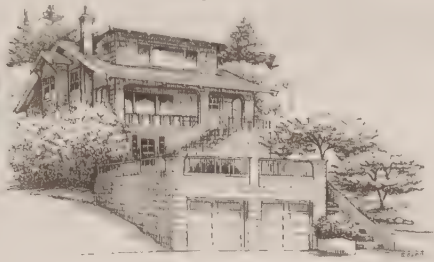


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NEW NORTH BERKELEY LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2-5PM



1019 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley
Offered at \$1,250,000

Home to the same family for 23 years, this beautifully maintained brown shingle offers large open rooms and a versatile three level plan. There are five bedrooms and three bathrooms including a family room/studio office/au pair, a big country kitchen, level grassy yard, garage roof deck, treetop Bay views, and easy access to Solano and Shattuck Avenues.

NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2-4:30PM



6819 Pinehaven Road, Oakland
Offered at \$950,000

Magnificent award-winning gardens surrounds this charming 3BR/2BA home. Remodeled kitchen in 2006, including beautiful hardwood cabinetry, granite counters, stainless appliances. Elegant formal dining room with maple walls, ceiling and built-in cabinets. Gorgeous wood doors, floors, walls, cabinets and windows throughout. Plus a very secluded pool and spa fabulous for outdoor entertaining. Fenced in property with gated circular driveway. The ultimate in tranquility.



Dan Joy
510.338.1304

NEW ELMWOOD LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2-4:30PM



2609 College Avenue, Berkeley
Offered at \$1,195,000

Large five bedroom, three bath, three half bath Historical Brown Shingle Colonial Revival with preserved architectural detail including natural wood wainscoting, built-ins, pocket doors, fireplaces, and much more. Back Yard outdoor oasis and desired location make this a must see!! www.2609CollegeAve.com

NEW GLENVIEW LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2-5PM



3821 La Cresta Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$639,000

This lovely 1922 Glenview bungalow features a 3+ bedroom, 1 bath floorplan and bright, versatile living space! A cozy living and dining room with hardwood floors leads to an updated kitchen, 2 bedrooms and an adjoining bath. The additional third bedroom, with walk-in vanity closet, looks out to the rear garden. A sunny plus room, opens to a spacious landscaped yard and garden, perfect for everyday living and outdoor entertaining!

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

NORTH BERKELEY \$1,250,000

1019 SHATTUCK AVE. (Open 2-5)
Handsome, renovated shingle w/large rooms & versatile open plan. 5BR/3BA including family room or au pair, big country kitchen, level lawn, roof deck, great location, views! Gini Erck x1339



ELMWOOD \$1,195,000

2609 COLLEGE AVE.
New Listing! Large 5BR/3BA & 3 half BA historical Brown Shingle Colonial Revival in desirable location. Preserved architectural details, built-ins, fireplaces. Backyard oasis. Dan Joy x1304

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$769,500

4438 NORTON AVE.
New Listing! Immaculate home in sylvan setting, 3BR/2+BA, gorgeous living & dining rooms, random plank hardwood floors. Large family room. Patio & garden. Diane E. McCan x1352

GLENVIEW \$769,000

3935-3937 PARK BLVD. (Open 2-5)
Stylish 1921 duplex w/2 charming units w/generous living spaces & hardwood floors. 1BR/1BA w/fireplace, built-ins & updated kitchen. 2BR/1BA w/eat-in kitchen, views. Christian Downer x1340

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$769,000

1421 BARROWS RD.
Traditional 3BR/1BA home with separate living & dining rooms. Sensibly arranged kitchen with eat-in breakfast area. Conveniently located. Jeffrey Needleman x1385

HILLER HIGHLANDS \$765,000

35 BINNACLE HILL
New Listing! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths plus loft. Beautiful view of San Francisco, Bay & Golden Gate bridges. Cathedral ceilings, patio. Close to club house. Bonnie Hirsch x1337

OAKLAND \$749,900

866 PROSPECT AVE.
Stylish and large 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Lovely hardwood floors, peak of the bay, good size backyard. Kathy Flynn x1317

MILLS COLLEGE \$749,000

5321 MACARTHUR BLVD.
4BR/3BA 1926 "country farmhouse" set on .25+ acres. Rolling lawn, "secret" gardens, front porch with rocker, wooded & hill outlooks. Eat-in kitchen. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

GLENVIEW \$639,000

3821 LA CRESTA AVE. (Open 2-5)
New Listing! Lovely 1922 bungalow w/3+BR/1BA. Versatile floorplan. Hardwood floors, updated kitchen, sunny plus room. Spacious landscaped yard & garden. Christian Downer x1340

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OAKLAND HILLS \$619,000

33 IRONWOOD
Extensively remodeled townhouse. Filtered view. 3BR/2.5BA, upgraded kitchen & baths, wood floors, 2-car attached garage, inside entry, patio & yard. Robyn Mohr x1310

BERKELEY \$599,000

949 ALLSTON WY.
Charming home with 2BR, 1 remodeled bath, in-law & garden. Sun-filled rooms including living room & eat-in kitchen. Attached garage. Close to 4th Street & Marina. Sheila Gallagher x1383

MAXWELL PARK \$589,000

4733 ALLENDALE AVE. (Open 2-5)
Wonderful 1928 French Normandy w/bright, split-level floor plan. 3BR/1BA. Charming architectural details. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, landscaped yard. Christian Downer x1340

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PIEDMONT \$3,550,000

An architectural treasure - magnificent John Hudson Thomas with intricate and refined period detailing. Rich, warm wood finishes. Elegant formal rooms, 6+BR, 5+BA, family room. Georgia Cornell x1325

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A heater for your freezer? Yes, if it's kept in a garage

Q: Is there a freezer on the market that will operate in a garage in cold weather? I have a second refrigerator in my garage now, and the freezer section stops operating properly around December.

A: Garages, which are typically not well insulated, present some special issues for refrigerators and freezers, according to the engineers at Whirlpool. To avoid the premature compressor failure that can result from oil thickened by colder temperatures (and cause untimely

fridge death), the engineers say, the air surrounding a refrigerator must be 55 degrees or higher, and must not fall below 50.

Some refrigerators are designed specifically for garage use, with heaters that keep the temperature immediately around the fridge at 55 degrees or above even when the garage temperature drops below 55. This external heater also helps regulate the appliance's interior temperatures, for optimum cooling and freezing.

Q: I would like to paint my old treated-wood deck (about 20 years old, 25 by 15 feet) to give it a couple more years of life. Would you recommend painting, and if so, what kind of paint and wood prep would it require? I was thinking of painting the railings white and the flooring a neutral color. The deck has never been stained. It's sturdy, but some screws are popping up at joints.

A: Old wood and paint: not the best solution. Its age and condition might mean the wood won't hold a

coat of paint, and most of the chemicals it was treated with have probably leached out anyway. I'd hang

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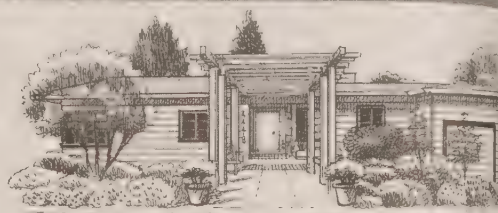
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7111 Norfolk Road, Berkeley
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COMING SOON! SOPHISTICATED REDWOOD HEIGHTS



This sophisticated and stylish Redwood Heights 2 bedroom, 1 bath home was built in 1915. It is the perfect house for entertaining. The remodeled kitchen features granite counter tops, floors, and stainless appliances. The bath is exquisite with marble and granite finishes. The home was remodeled to include a deep Philip Stark tub, separate shower with glass door, waterfall showerhead, and Lacava sink. The yard is thoughtfully landscaped with maximum outdoor pleasure and includes a wisteria covered arbor, tree pond, two raised vegetable beds, limestone stepping stones and a drip irrigation system. The attention to detail and care is evident in every aspect of the home.



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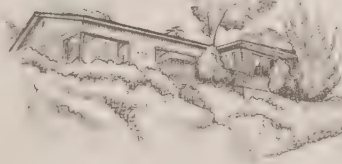


Berkeley
\$789,000

Open

3BR/1.5BA. Craftsman detailing in 1915 traditional w/ warmth & vintage character. Bay window alcove & fireplace in LR. Paneled DR. Artists studio/office + darkroom.

3323 Claremont Ave.
Open Sun 2-4:30
Mark Miller



Oakland
\$829,000

Open

3BR/2BA. 1 car garage. Panoramic views from this mid-century modern beauty. Koi pond, choice landscaping, hwd flrs throughout, fireplace in large living room/dining room combo. Gorgeous light throughout, very private entrance- your own Shangri-la!

4797 Geranium Pl.
Open Sun 2-4:30
Andrea Gordon



Oakland
\$675,000

Open

3BR/1BA. First time on market in 61 years. Exceptionally large, light filled Temescal home on quiet tree lined street. Built in backyard bbq, hardwood floors, fireplace, close to everything! Restaurants, BART, schools, & shopping.

4187 Emerald St.
Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30
Mary Burns



Richmond
\$740,000

4BR/2.5BA. Barely lived in 2002. New home. 4BR units area. Granite kit, large hwd flrs throughout, large lot w/ patio/pools.

506 Deer Park Rd.
Open Sat 1-4:00
Ava Chavez



Oakland
\$579,000

2BR/1BA. Remodeled kit. Gorgeous hwd flrs. Large DR. LR w/ brick flrplc. Det gar w/ hobby area. Great gardeners yard. Drip irrigation. Inside laundry. By shopping.

Randy Churchill



Oakland
\$519,000

Open

2BR/2BA. Coveted end unit at the Parkwood Condos. Great loc, quiet w/ plenty of privacy. Patio for outside living. Gated cmnty w/ amenities incl a pool, spa, & gym.

180 Caldecott Ln. #219
Open Sun 2-4:30
Mary Burns



Oakland
\$499,000

Open

1BR/1BA. One year old- better than a condo. Brown shingle home on wooded lot. Expansion plans to grow as you need more room.

6233 Oakdale
Open Sun 2-4:30
Mel Copland



Oakland
\$489,000

3BR/2BA. Approx. 1700 sq. ft. 2 levels w/ panoramic views of San Francisco city view, large garage & huge lot approx. 10,000 sq. ft. Private yard w/ large storage shed.

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NEWS

AGE B20

...as is for a while
...make plans to replace
...road.
...husband wants to try to
...reack for the fireplace
...wood would sit on to
...to make it out of
...and fill it with water
...that would vent out
...the room. Will the
...the woodwork on

A: Sounds like an interesting project, but I'm not absolutely sure it would work. And yes, the steam could damage the woodwork on the mantel. I've seen what can happen when you put a coffeemaker on a counter right under a cabinet door.

How does your husband plan to control the steam output? And would the steam dampen the wood and make the fire smoke more, creating ventilating issues? There's a lot to be worked out before he proceeds.

Q: I bought a 50-year-old rancher three years ago. One part

of the roof raised up to form a flat roof. Six months ago, after noticing a leak, I had the flat roof replaced, including the sheathing.

I am now removing all drywall, insulation and ceiling tiles. I discovered termites, soaking-wet plywood, mold and rusty nails along the interior wall. The roofer who replaced the roof said these problems were caused by condensation and a lack of ventilation below the sheathing. Two other roofers said the same thing. What do you think?

A: If three roofers say the same thing, and the space isn't

properly ventilated, and there doesn't seem to be a new leak, I'd say condensation is the prob-

lem. I suggest getting one of these roofers back to properly ventilate the space.

Have questions for Alan J. Heavens? E-mail him at ahavens@phillynews.com.



1905 TAPSCOTT AVENUE, EL CERRITO

Completely updated level-in 3+ bedroom Bay View home in the most desirable neighborhood. Featuring architectural details and quality throughout. Vaulted open beam ceilings, lovely tile floors, random plank hardwood floors, designer colors, deck facing the Bay, attached garage, large lot for gardening or play.

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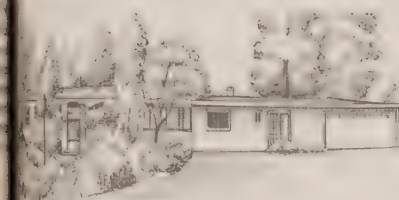
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EL SOBRANTE

Great investment/development potential! Two houses, lots on over 21,000 sq ft. Main house is gorgeous 1.5-bath ranch-style. Next to main house is a 2BR, South guest house. This wonderful property is well off street. Hill views, mature fruit trees. \$799,000

Open Sunday 1-4:00
Tony Wise
207.5770



1739 McGEE STREET

BERKELEY

Wonderful Craftsman Bungalow in prime North Berkeley location. Three bedrooms, one bath, beautifully remodeled kitchen opens to deck and sweet yard. Rebuilt garage could be used as home office. \$699,000

Open Sunday 2-4:00
Juliana Wynberg
527.2700 x 31



840 NORVELL AVENUE

EL CERRITO

Sunny, Updated Bungalow on a quiet street. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Huge garden and detached studio/workshop. Tastefully remodeled gourmet kitchen and bath. Terrific floor plan. Near swim center, transportation, parks and Hillside natural area trails. \$638,000

Open Sunday 2:00-4:30
Todd Hodson &
Ron Eggherman
559.2915 & 502.7199



8 EVELYN AVE.

ALBANY

Stunning Albany Tudor! Absolutely one of the most charming houses in Albany. Excellent floor plan, two bedrooms, modern kitchen, tankless water heater, massive living space and converted garage are only some of the amenities. \$599,000

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381.3232



6319 HIGHLAND AVE.

RICHMOND VIEW

Quiet Neighborhood. Comfortable 4BR, 3-bath single-family home w/1BR and bath on the main level. Gorgeous remodeled kitchen with open floor plan to family room. New Berber carpeting thruout. Feels like a Berkeley-type home at a substantially lower cost. \$579,000

Open Sunday 2-4:00
Darrell Hoh
292.3040



1156 RICHMOND STREET

EL CERRITO

Affordable Townhome. Spacious, tastefully updated 2br/1.5ba townhome in a quiet park-like setting. Remodeled kitchen and baths, sunny patio with views of the hills. Master suite with vaulted ceilings and huge walk-in closet. Near BART, swim center, parks. \$429,000

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Kenyon Ave. Kensington
Great opportunity! New price on this beautiful 4+BR/3-bath home with fine classic features. Head-on views of Bridge. Lovely walled courtyard. \$1,000,000
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524.0800

28 5th St. Emeryville
Great opportunity! Motivated Seller! Great opportunity to own a duplex in prime cul-de-sac. Units are identical w/1.5 bath. Double detached garage. Hardwood, sheltered patio. \$299,000
Open Sun 2-4
524.0800
Maggie Resnick



1205 Melville Sq. #104 Marina Bay
Large 1BR, 1BA w/patio. Tile floor & designer paint in liv rm. Gated community. Beautifully landscaped grounds. Great freeway/bridge access. Close to shops, restaurants, Marina Bay Trail. Secure parking for 1 car. \$294,000
Open Sat/Sun 1-4
527.9111



838 33rd St. Richmond N&E
Stylish, charming MacGregor-built 2BR/1.5-bath home. Vaulted ceilings in living rm and both split-level BRs. Formal dining rm, breakfast rm, wood-burning stove, fireplace, enhanced kitchen, utility rm. Beautiful large yd. \$459,000
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Joan Underwood



845 36th Street Richmond
Spacious two-story Craftsman style home on a big level lot. Needs some TLC, but has lots of potential. Three bedrooms, one bath, fireplace, formal dining room, plus a large detached garage workshop. \$499,000
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1081 Shasta Ave. Richmond Annex
This 1928 bungalow is now 3BRs, 2 baths, and 2 levels. The kitchen and family room on the main level enjoy S.E. and Bay views. Large, unfinished room downstairs great for storage. \$535,000
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Joan Underwood

3430 San Pablo Dam El Sobrante
Best value, price, and location! Two-bedroom, 1.5-bath townhouse in a relaxing park-like setting. Many upgrades and amenities, including an in-unit laundry and large storage unit. \$339,000
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\$360,000	105 Cypress St.	2 BD/1 BA	Nina Quan
Sun 2:30-4:30	West End	510-814-4836	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$362,000	309 Pacific Ave	2bd/1ba	Janesta Downey
Open Sun 1-4	Woodstock	510-868-1400	
Prudential Berkeley			
\$365,000	1809D 3rd St	2bd/1ba	Janesta Downey
Open Sat/Sun 1-4	Woodstock	510-868-1400	
Prudential Berkeley			
\$369,000	1170-9th St. #14	1bd/1ba	Bryan Salomone
Open Sat/Sun 2-5	Gold Coast	510-428-0900	
Prudential Piedmont			
\$378,000	1814 2nd St.	3 BD/1 BA	Nina Quan
Sun 2:30-4:30	West End	510-814-4836	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$428,000	960 Shorepoint Ct. #311	2 BD/2 BA	Izabella Lipetski
Open Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-522-9600	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$435,000	2426 Lincoln Ave. G	2 BD/1.5 BA	Eunice Edwards
Sun 2-4	East End	510-318-4002	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$439,750	339 Broadway #203	2 BD/2 BA	M. & W. Mariani/Jo LoParo
Sat 2-4	East End	510-748-1174/748-1169	
Gallagher & Lindsey			
\$449,000	2115 Central Ave. Unit 8	2 BD/1.5 BA	Carol Knight
Sun 2-4	Central Alameda	510-681-5249	
Alameda Realty			
\$449,900	1594 Pacific Ave	2 BD/1 BA	Mary Bunker
Sat /Sun 2-4	Central Alameda	510-814-4898	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$469,900	617-A Pacific Ave.	2 BD/1 BA	Kim Henderson
Sun 1:30-3:30	West End Cottage	510-813-8211	
RVS Realty & Mortgage			
\$475,000	1533 Pacific Ave.	1 BD/1 BA	Pacita Dimacali
Sat /Sun 2-4	Central Alameda	510-748-1148	
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.			
\$475,000	2027 Otis Dr F	2 BD/2 BA	Izabella Lipetski
Sat/Sun 10-12	South Shore	510-522-9600	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$507,500	2101 Shoreline Drive 461	2 BD/1.5 BA	Danila Alvarez
Sat/1:30-4:30/Sun 11:30-1:30	So. Shore	510-814-4832	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$520,000	534 Haight St.	2BD/2BA	John Parten
Sun 1-4	Central Alameda	510-814-0410	
Preferred Properties of California			
\$535,000	1152 Admiralty in	3BD/1.5BA	Gregory Garrett
Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30	Central Alameda	510-868-1400	
Prudential California Real Estate			
\$559,000	1053 Mangrove Ln	3 BD/1.5 BA	Richard & Carol Kim
Sat /Sun 2-4 Bay Farm Island	510-814-4813/814-4857		
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$559,000	1156 Island Dr	2bd/2ba	Amy K. Hayashida
Open Sat/Sun 2-5	Bay Farm	510-845-0211	
Prudential Claremont			
\$569,000	3328 Cook Lane	3bd/2ba	Amelia Marshall
Open Sat/Sun 2-5	Bay Farm Island	510-834-2010	
Prudential Grand Lake			
\$579,000	1372 Fernside Blvd	2 BD/1 BA	S. McWilliam/B. Abbasi
Sat /Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4825/814-4858	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$579,000	1412 Seminary Ave	2 BD/1 BA	Elaine Millan
Sat/Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4821	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$580,000	824 Pacific Ave	3bd/1.5ba	Bob Huff
Open Sat/Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-292-2024	
\$594,000	339 Broadway #218	2 BD/2 BA	Carol Burnett
Sun 2-4	Alameda Realty	510-508-7959	
\$599,000	1164 Island Drive	4 BD/2.5 BA	Nancy & Chuck Bianchi
Sat/Sun 2-4 Bay Farm Island	510-814-4819/814-4847		
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$599,000	1237 Broadway	2BD/1BA	Carol Knight
Sun 2-4	Alameda Realty	510-681-5249	
\$599,000	1520 9th St	2bd/1ba	Joanne Madlung
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Central Alameda	510-851-5986		
Keller Williams			
\$599,000	1605 9th St	2BD/1BA	Cris Rodriguez
Open Sat 1-4	Prudential California Realty	925-518-0049	
\$599,000	165 Bannister Way	2 BD/2 BA	Catherine Bierlwith
Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4869	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$599,000	3268 Cape Cod Court	3 BD/1.5 BA	Walt Jacobs/Dania Alvarez
Sat/Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4710/814-4832	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$599,000	4 Courageous Ct.	2 BD/2 BA	Ron Martin
Sun 2-4	510-331-5480 / 332-5683		
Kane & Associates			
\$619,000	1343 Coral Coast	2 BD/1 BA	Karen Miller
Sat /Sun 2-4	Gold Coast	510-814-4838	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$629,000	1441 Sixth Street	2 BD/2 BA	Bill & Griselda Bissett
Sun 2-4	510-205-4369/205-3575		
Kane & Assoc. David Gunderman/Andrew Raskopf			
\$629,500	3216 Ravens Cove Ln.	3 BD/1.5 BA	Bill & Griselda Bissett
Sun 2-4	Ravens Cove	510-748-1108	
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.			
\$630,000	470C Cola Ballena	2 BD/2 BA	Ty Welchhart
Sat /Sun 2-4	Ballena Bay	510-748-1118	
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.			
\$635,000	618 Lagunaria Ln.	2 BD/2.5 BA	Janice Payne
Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4846	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$638,000	108 Parfait Lane 36E	2 BD/2 BA	Donnaluci Williams
Sat/Sun 2:30-4:30 H. Bay Isle	510-814-4864/207-2378		
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$639,000	1566 Lincoln Ave C/d	2 Units	Bill Douglas
Sat/Sun 2-4 Central Alameda	510-504-5091/504-5089		
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$639,000	3247 Sterling Avenue	2+ BD/2 BA	Dede Cunningham
Sun 2-4	510-919-3204		
Kane & Associates			
\$649,000	3254 Sterling Ave.	3 BD/1 BA	H. Lorbeck/M. Schumacher
Sat/Sun 2-4 East End	510-814-4873/814-4709		
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$669,000	3221 Encinal Ave.	Duplex	John Bickley
Sun 2-4:30	3 bd & 2+bd	510-769-1606	
Bickley Real Estate			
\$669,500	28 Invincible Ct	2 BD/2 BA	Susan Battaglia
Sun 2-5	Marina Village	510-814-4861	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$675,000	4 Parish Ct	3 BD/2 BA	Karen Wellman
Sat/Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4859	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$678,000	1507 Encinal Ave.	3 BD/1 BA	Meena Gulraj
Open Sun 2-4	Cent. Alameda	510-279-9580	
Help-U-Sell			
\$680,000	2708 Washington St.	3 BD/2 BA	Bill & Griselda Bissett
Sun 2-4	East End	510-748-1108	
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.			
\$695,000	2040 Encinal Ave	2 Units	Steve Cressy
Sat 2-4	Central Alameda	510-814-4818	
Harbor Bay Realty			

Alameda			
\$695,000	355 Magnolia Dr.	3 BD/2 BA	Maury McFadden
Sun 1-4	Prudential CA Realty	510-337-8670	
\$696,000	617 Baywood Rd	3 BD/2.5 BA	George Muhr
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4891	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$698,000	752 Pacific Ave.	3 BD/2 BA	Andrew Raskopf
Sun 2-4 +Studio Cottage	510-205-4369/205-3575		
Kane & Assoc. David Gunderman/Andrew Raskopf			
\$698,000	752 Pacific Ave.	3 BD/2 BA	Andrew Raskopf
Sun 2-4 +Studio Cottage	510-205-4369/205-3575		
Kane & Assoc. David Gunderman/Andrew Raskopf			
\$715,000	951 Post Street	3 BD/1 BA	Rosie Macalino
Sun 1-4	East End	510-504-2654	
Renrose Realty			
\$719,000	105 Brunswick Rd	2 BD/1.5 BA	Deldre Dixon
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4875	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$725,000	914 Ironwood	3 BD/2.5 BA	Connie Hanna
Sun 2:30-4:30	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4814	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$729,000	1035 Begonia Dr	3 BD/2 BA	Denise Garvine
Sat 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4871	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$729,000	3468 Catalina Ave	3 BD/2.5 BA	Minabelle Zamora
Sat 2-4	Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4816	
\$735,000	111 Orr Rd	3 BD/2.5 BA	Lena Sazo
Sat /Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4865	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$777,000	1209 Court Street	4 BD/2.5 BA	K. McNally/K.Watson
Sat & Sun 2-4	510-769-1845 / 213-0517		
Kane & Associates			
\$779,000	301 Ratto Rd.	3 BD/2 BA	Darin Vinal
Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4824	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$799,000	1635 Buena Vista Ave.	4BD/3 BA	Krystyna Nowak/Sally Rudloff
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Kane & Associates			
\$799,000	172 Purcell Dr	3 BD/2.5 BA	Chuck & Nancy Bianchi
Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle	510-749-9866/769-1680		
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$839,000	1715 Otis Dr.	3 BD/2 BA	Bill & Griselda Bissett
Sat/Sun 2-4 Central Alameda	510-748-1108		
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.			
\$839,000	605 Glenwood Isle	3 BD/2 BA	Martha Turner
Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-814-4828	
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\$869,000	1036 Lincoln Ave.	3 BD/2 BA	Moon Tam
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Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.			
\$869,000	1545 Santa Clara Ave, 1/2 & D	2 Units	Jane Friedrich
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Harbor Bay Realty			
\$875,000	1605 Buena Vista Ave. 3 or 4	BD/2 BA	Pacita Dimacali
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Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.			
\$878,000	441 Tucker	3 BD/2.5 BA	Donnaluci Williams
Sat/Sun 2:30-4:30	West End	510-207-2378	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$898,000	225 Beach Road	5 BD/3 BA	Michelle Adams
Sat & Sun 2-4	Alameda Realty	510-715-7856	
\$898,500	2837 Marina Dr.	2 BD/1.5 BA	Marilyn Oliver
Sun 2-4	Kane & Associates	510-865-8688	
\$899,000	1119 Regent St	3 Units	Nancy Mack
Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4897	
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$899,000	652 Westline Dr.	6 BD/3 BA	Carol Burnett
Sat & Sun 2-4	Alameda Realty	510-508-7959	
\$905,000	1439 East Shore Dr.	4 BD/3.5 BA	Diana Wyman
Sun 2-4:30	510-523-2314 / 589-1908		
BaySide Real Estate			
\$979,000	9 Miranda Ct	4 BD/3 BA	Alex Mak/Ringo Liu
Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4887/913-1600		
Harbor Bay Realty			
\$985,000	101 Sweet Rd	4 BD/3 BA	Ringo Liu/Alex Mak
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Harbor Bay Realty			
\$995,000	660 Westline Dr.	3 BD/3 BA	Leah Tonga
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\$995,000	660 Westline Drive	3bd/3ba	Leah Tonga
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\$1,125,000	1161 Bay Street	3 BD/2.5 BA	Joanne Yu
Sun 2-4	510-523-2314 / 589-1908		
Kane & Associates			
\$1,168,000	2358 Coral Sea St.	4 BD/2 BA	Bill & Griselda Bissett
Sat & Sun 2-4	Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	510-748-1108	
\$1,500,000	300 Tideway Dr.	2 BD/2.5 BA	Jim Nations
Sun 2-4	Ballena Bay	510-748-1161	
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.			

Berkeley			
\$389,000	2638 Russell #1	1bd/1ba	510-339-9290 Tami Bobb
Open Sun 2-4:30	Elmwood		
Prudential Montclair			
\$409,000	2317 Carleton #8	2bd/1ba	510-410-2424 Denise Milburn
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\$419,000	2326 Browning	2bd/1ba	510-326-5800 Bill Grimsom
Open Sun 2-5	Condo		
Re/Max Executive			
\$519,000	2853 Stanton St.	2BD/1BA	510-486-1495 Diane Southworth
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\$525,000	2400 Dowling Place	1BD+Loft/1BA	510-333-0507 Craig Beckerman
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\$549,000	2219 9th St	2+bd/1ba	510-292-2003 Elizabeth McDonald
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\$550,000	1633 9th Street	2 BD/1 BA	510-748-1155 Tom Proudfoot
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\$560,000	2400 Dowling Place	Loft/1.5BA	510-333-0507 Craig Beckerman
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\$579,000	1134 Blake St	2bd/1ba	510-848-1950/242 Kathryn Hill
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\$599,000	949 Allston Way	3BD/2BA	510-338-1383 Shella Gallagher
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\$619,000	1516 Juanita Way	2bd/1ba	510-280-2126 Leif Jennesen
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\$620,000	1916 E 38th St	2+bd/2ba	510-524-9883/33 Bill & Tracy
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\$620,000	832 Neilson St	2bd/1ba	510-524-9883/33 Bill & Tracy
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\$669,000	2903 Wheeler	2+bd/1.5ba	510-845-0211 Roy Grigsby
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\$695,000	1402 Parker St	3bd/2ba	510-524-9888/26 Norah Brower
Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley Hills Realty		
\$699,000	1739 McGee St	3bd/1ba	510-277-8700/31 Juliana Wyrnberg
Open Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens		
\$749,000	1417 A Spruce	3bd/2.5ba	510-524-9883/23 Jane Allen
Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley Hills Realty		
\$750,000	1309 Ordway Street	3BD/2BA	510-652-2133 John Ratcliffe
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.		
\$760,000	1929-B Eighth Street	3+BD/2.5BA	510-652-2133 Diane Verducci
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.		
\$769,000	765 Neilson St	4bd/2ba	510-984-2000 Marguerite Croptier
Open Sun 2-4:30	Widmeyer Real Estate		
\$780,000	1929-A Eighth Street	4BD/2BA	510-652-2133 Nacio Brown
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.		
\$789,000	3323 Claremont Avenue	3BR/1.5BA	510-551-5839 Mark Miller
Open Sun 2-5	Claremont		
C21 Heritage			
\$795,000	2125 Marin Ave	3+bd/2ba	510-280-2122 Shahin Bayat
Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty		
\$799,000	2401-2403 Cedar St	DUPLEX	510-280-2148 Francine DiPalma
Open Sun 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty		
\$825,000	1273 Monterey Ave	3bd/2ba	510-280-2189 Nicole Fortin
Open Sun 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty		
\$835,000	1415 Sacramento St.	3+BD/1+BA	510-339-0000 Carroll Brown
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.		
\$859,000	109 Panoramic Way	3+bd/1ba	510-845-0211 Roy Grigsby
Open Sun 1-4	Prudential		
\$885,000	1522 Harmon Street	3 Units	510-469-6369 Anida Weib
Open Sun 2-5	C21 Heritage		
\$895,000	1731 Vine Street	3BD/2BA	510-339-0400 Anne Van Dyke
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.		
\$899,000	1344 Oxford St	4++bd/3bd	510-292-2030 Catherine Stern
Open Sun 1-4:30	Red Oak Realty		
\$899,000	1570 Olympus Avenue	3++BD/2.5BA	510-652-2133 Anja Plowright
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.		
\$899,000	2210 Rose Street	3BD/2BA	510-652-2133 Ruth Frassetto
Open Sun 2-4:30	Gourmet Ghetto		
The Grubb Co.			
\$969,000	771 Euclid Ave	3bd/1.5ba	510-968-1481 Candice Economides
Open Sun 2-5	No. Berkeley		
Prudential			
\$985,000	1114 Arch St.	4BD/2BA	510-652-2133 Katharina Anand
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.		

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565 Bellevue Ave. #1404 Lake Merritt 510-595-7699 Dave Higgins	1bd/2ba		\$559,000	3706 Hillview St Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	3bd/2ba 510-339-0290 David Otero	\$754,999	3658 Virden Ave Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	4bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Robert M. Scott	\$1,125,000	621 Hillgirt Circle Open Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	4++BD/3+BA 510-339-0400 Judith Cain
466 Crescent St. #123 Condo 510-534-5171 Broker Ed Ramos	2BD/2BA 510-534-5171 Broker Ed Ramos		\$560,000	3826 Lincoln Ave. Sun. 2-4 Diamond District Prime Properties Realty	2 BD/1 BA 510-522-4449 Kelko McDonah	\$759,000	6665 Valley View Rd Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential	3+bd/2ba 510-428-0900 Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine	\$1,125,000	6479 Ascot Drive Open Sat/Sun. 12-5 Prudential Claremont	5bd/2ba 510-339-6301 Laurel Strand
2816 Viola St Alameda 510-339-8400 Martha Hill	2bd/1ba		\$565,999	4221 Knoll Ave. Open Sat/Sun 1-5 Coldwell Banker	2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 James Brown	\$765,000	35 Binnacle Hill Open 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	2+BD/2BA 510-338-1337 Bonnie Hirsch	\$1,149,000	663 Oakland Ave Open Sun 2-5 Prudential Piedmont	4+bd/2+ba 510-428-0900 Scott Thompson
230 51st St #5 A,B,C,D Ridgeway 510-339-1363 Leslie Easterday	1BD/1BA 510-339-1363 Leslie Easterday		\$569,000	2250 Lakeshore #7 Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	2bd/2ba 510-339-9290 Mark C. Ross	\$769,000	1421 Barrows Rd 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	3BD/1BA 510-338-1385 Jeffrey Neidleman	\$1,195,000	2531 Chelsea Dr Open Sun. 2-4:30 Keller Williams	5bd/5ba 510-595-7699 Dave Higgins
4010 Fullington St Lower Laurel 510-339-8400 Gayle Smith	2bd/1ba		\$579,000	338 Fairmount Open Sat/Sun. 1-4 Prudential Claremont	2bd/2ba 510-219-9030 Jeanette Vento	\$769,000	3935-37 Park Blvd. Open Sun 2-5 Pacific Union Residential	Duplex 510-338-1340 Christian Downer	\$1,200,000	1835 Tunnel Rd. Sun. 2-4 Kane & Associates	4 BD/4.5 BA 510-332-5683 / 331-5680 Ron Martin / Vickie Lim
5138 Leona St. Services 510-388-5774 Sandra Thomas	1BD/1BA 510-388-5774 Sandra Thomas		\$579,000	3948 Patterson Avenue Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	2BD/1BA 510-338-1366 Joanna Hirsch	\$769,000	4438 Norton Open 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	3BD/2+BA 510-338-1352 Diane E. McCan	\$1,249,500	2807 Steinmetz Way Open Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	6BD/3.5BA 510-899-9000 Kelly Deal
5857 Roberts 510-814-4830/814-4831 George & Bev Williams	2 BD/1 BA 510-814-4830/814-4831 George & Bev Williams		\$579,000	9 Whittle Court Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	2BD/1BA 510-339-0400 Hope Broderick	\$775,000	14 Barner Pl. Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	2+BD/2BA 510-338-1363 Leslie Easterday	\$1,250,000	1145 Sunnyhills Road Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	3+BD/2.5BA 510-338-1363 Anthony Riggins
2712-28th Ave Maxwell Park 510-339-9290 Bill Boze	2bd/1ba		\$580,000	3016 Filbert St #1 Open Sun R.E. Manhattan R.E.	Loft 510-444-5300 Lee Grebmeier	\$779,000	5198 Saddle Brook Dr Open Sun 2-4 Intero Real Estate Services	3BD/2BA 925-876-5095 Russ Burch	\$1,295,000	6321 Chelton Dr Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	4+BD/3.5BA 510-338-1305 Teri Carlisle
2534 Morgan Ave 510-292-2014 Stacey Merryman	2bd/1ba		\$589,000	4701 Meldon Ave Open Sun. 2-4:30 Keller Williams	2+BD/1BA 510-507-6050 Roxanne Bruns	\$779,888	6463 Melville Dr Open Sun 2-5 RE/MAX	4BD/2BA 650-598-2800 Carmen Miranda	\$1,295,000	6995 Elverton Dr. Open Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	4BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Ellen Lancaster
1551 82nd Ave 510-834-2010 Colin Kelly Hill	2bd/1ba		\$589,000	4733 Allexdale Avenue Open Sun 2-5 Pacific Union Residential	3BD/1BA 510-338-1340 Christian Downer	\$780,000	10 Elsyon Pl Open 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	3bd/2ba 510-339-9290 Herb Manor	\$1,299,000	987 Longridge Road Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	4++BD/3+BA 510-339-0400 Judith Cain
3633 High St 510-506-2762 Janet Kaplan	2bd/1ba		\$595,000	652-56th St Open Sat/Sun. 2-5 Prudential Montclair	2+bd/1ba 510-339-9290 Lisa Friedman	\$789,000	6200 Westwood Way Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	3bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Martha Hill	\$1,395,000	6267 Rutland Rd Open Sat/Sun. 12-5 Prudential Claremont	4bd/3ba 510-339-8301 Laurel Strand
1004 61st St 510-734-4997 Amy Davis	3bd/2ba		\$599,000	1529 Chestnut St Open Sun. 2-4:30 S. Parrott, Broker	2BD/1BA 510-839-4737	\$795,000	2323 Mastlinds Open Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	3+BD/3.5BA 510-339-4700 David Eckert	\$1,425,000	6848 Charing Cross Rd Open Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	4BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Ellen Lancaster
1 Town Square Pl 510-428-0900 Bryan Salomone	3bd/2ba		\$599,000	1639 11th Ave Open Sun. 2-4 Prudential Piedmont	4bd/2ba 510-428-0900 Kathy Dittmer	\$795,000	5870 Ascot Dr Open 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	4bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Patricia Bennett	\$1,589,000	14 Chancellor Pl Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	4bd/3ba 510-339-4000 Ganice Morgan-Austin
2988 Morgan Avenue Laurel 510-339-4700 Chris Baker	1+BD/1+BA 510-339-4700 Chris Baker		\$599,000	1866 Pleasant Valley Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Landmark	2bd/1ba 510-731-0188 Bill Miller	\$798,000	966 Scott St. Upper Lakeshore Help-U-Sell Action Properties	3 BD/1.5 BA 510-507-3334 Therese Herget	\$1,595,000	984 Longridge Road Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	4+BD/3.5BA 510-339-0400 Anthony Riggins
2756 25th Ave 510-834-2010 Mimi Falge	2bd/1ba		\$599,000	311 4th St. #123 Sat & Sun 2-5 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	LOFT 510-748-1121 Angela McIntyre	\$799,000	2873 Burton Dr Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	510-339-8400 Martha Shin	\$1,595,000	6201 Virgo Road Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	4BD/3.5BA 510-339-0400 Angela Wei Grubb
5230 Wentworth Ave 510-872-5723 Adriane Telefree	3BD/1.5BA 510-872-5723 Adriane Telefree		\$599,000	659 Alleen St Open Sun. 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-697-8079 Tim Cassidy	\$799,000	4001 Oakmore Rd. Open Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	3+BD/2.5BA 510-339-4700 Terry Kulka	\$1,649,500	6201 Virgo Road Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	4BD/3.5BA 510-339-0400 Angela Wei Grubb
3012 Burr Street 510-339-8900 Tracy Bronson	3BD/2BA 510-339-8900 Tracy Bronson		\$619,000	33 Ironwood Dr. Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	3BD/2.5BA 510-338-1310 Robyn Mohr	\$799,000	4258 Lakeshore Avenue Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	3+BD/1BA 510-339-0400 Mary Merrick	\$1,695,000	268 Taurus Ave. Open Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	3+BD/5BA 510-339-4700 Dian Hymer & Joan Duffield
255 3rd St. #202 Jack London Sq. 510-339-4700 Bonnie Ross	1BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Bonnie Ross		\$619,000	3973 Hanly Rd Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	2+bd/1ba 510-339-8400 Nader Davari	\$799,000	5809 Broadway Open Sun. 1-4 Red Oak Realty	3bd/2ba 510-280-2110 Patrick Leaper	\$1,695,000	5234 Cochran Ave Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	3++BD/2++BA 510-338-1319 Ann Nichols
2216 Coolidge Ave 510-428-0900 Bryan Salomone	2bd/2ba		\$619,000	4526 Pampas Ave Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	3bd/1ba 510-339-8400 Nader Davari	\$799,000	6222 Merriewood Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	3+BD/1.5BA 510-338-1358 Joan Hause	\$1,749,000	50 Knoll Ridge Way Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	4BD/3.5BA 510-339-0400 Kurt Buchholz
3827 Kansas St 510-339-9290 Millie Lomardi	2+bd/1ba		\$625,000	565 Bellevue Ave. #1403 Open Sun. 2-4:30 Keller Williams	1bd/2ba 510-595-7699 Dave Higgins	\$820,000	4323-4321 Everett Ave Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	DUPLEX 510-339-9290 Gene Boomer	\$1,810,000	7217 Skyline Blvd. Open Sun 2-5 Pacific Union GMAC	4+BD/3.5BA 510-334-4884 Doris Chang
4547 San Carlos 510-339-4000 Ganice Morgan-Austin	3bd/1+ba		\$630,000	925 E 19th Street Sun. 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	3 BD/2 BA 510-748-1108 Bill & Griselda Bissett	\$825,000	10 Cortez Court Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	3BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Dana Cohen	\$1,975,000	13402 Campus Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	5BD/5BA 510-339-4700 Nancy Dickey
6231 Oakdale Avenue 510-339-8900 Mel Copland	1BD/1BA 510-339-8900 Mel Copland		\$639,000	217 Capricorn Ave Open Sun. 12-5 Prudential Claremont	2bd/1ba 510-339-8301 Laurel Strand	\$825,000	6629 Armour Dr. Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	3+BD/3.5BA 510-338-1378 Jackie Care	\$2,095,000	5670 Weaver Place Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	3+BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Kurt Buchholz
720 58th St 510-280-2163 Charlie Cook	3bd/1ba		\$639,000	3821 La Cresta Open 2-5 Pacific Union Residential	3+BD/1BA 510-338-1340 Christian Downer	\$835,000	7865 Outlook Ave Open Sun. 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty	4+bd/4ba 510-697-8079 Tim Cassidy	\$2,100,000	16024 Broadway Terrace Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC	4BD/3.5BA 925-253-6223 Susan Peterson
7817 Greenly Dr 510-339-9290 Lucetia Jacobs	2+bd/1ba		\$639,000	4311 Carson St Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	2bd/1ba 510-339-8400 Regina Jacobs	\$849,000	2601 Chelsea Dr Open Sat/Sun. 12-5 Prudential Claremont	3bd/2ba 510-339-8301 Laurel Strand	\$2,200,000	6130 Acacia Avenue Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	5+BD/4BA 510-338-1367 Carla Buffington
607 Golf Links Rd. 510-339-4700 Karyn Selby Miller	2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Karyn Selby Miller		\$639,000	6323 Valley View Rd Open Sun. 2-4 Prudential Grand Lake	3bd/3ba 510-520-5462 CP Yang	\$849,000	2995 Jordan Road Open Sat-Sun 1-4 By Owner	3BD/2BA 510-459-5758	\$2,495,000	7111 Norfolk Road Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	4++BD/4+BA 510-338-1348 Fritz Hochfeller
856 41st St 510-848-1950x212 Mary Canavan	2+bd/1ba		\$645,000	1 Lakeside Dr Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	2bd/2ba 510-339-9290 Mary Dresser	\$855,000	6152 Baker Street Open Sun 2-5 C21 Heritage	3 Units 510-469-6389 Anida Weyl	\$2,500,000	5935 Manchester Dr. Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	4++BD/4++BA 510-338-1357 Francis Heath
999-37th St 510-834-2010 Shirley Covington	2 UNITS 510-834-2010 Shirley Covington		\$649,000	5351 Lawton Avenue Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	2BD/1BA 510-339-0400 Michael Friedman	\$857,500	533 Westfield Way Open Sun 2-5 Valva Realty Co.	4BD/2BA 510-451-7317x18 Mike Bresso	\$2,895,000	25 Observation Place Open Sun 2-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors	5BD/4.5BA 510-899-8000 Kelly Deal
300 Caldecott Ln #209 510-292-2036 Sarah Richards	2bd/2ba		\$659,000	467 Cavour Street Open Sun 2-4:30 Rockledge Realty	2BD/1+BA 510-655-2330 Jan Fougner	\$869,000	4455 Mountain View Sat & Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-4700 Tiffany Stechschulte	\$1,695,000	708 Miner Road Open Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	4BD/3.5BA 925-253-4601 Jeryllynn Babinington
4817 Walnut St 510-848-1950x248 Kathryn Hill	2bd/1ba		\$660,000	8674 Seneca Street Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors	3BD/1.5BA 510-531-7000 x262 Teri L. Lester	\$875,000	4 Bowles Pl Open Sun. 2-5 Berkeley Hills RE	3bd/2.5ba 510-524-9888x22 Chris Ehlers Hardie	\$825,000	220 Howard Ave Open Sun 2-5 Prudential Piedmont	2bd/1ba 510-428-0900 Kathy Dittmer
655 12th Street #110 510-339-4700 Kara Thacker	2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Kara Thacker		\$665,000	1020 Jackson #605 Sat/Sun. 12-5 Chinatown Elena Stone, R.E. Broker	2bd/2ba 510-435-6229	\$895,000	1014-20 60th St Open Sat/Sun. 1-4 Red Oak Realty	-BD/-BA 510-280-2105 Sara Garabedian	\$849,000	6 Cavendish Ln. Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	3BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Vicky Faulk
310 Martin Luther King Way 510-834-2010 Shirley Covington	4bd/1.5ba		\$672,000	1234 Everett Ave Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	2+bd/1ba 510-339-4000 Patricia Bennett	\$895,000	825 Vermont St Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	3-plex 510-339-4000 A.D. Nassiri	\$849,000	6 Cavendish Ln. Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	3BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Vicky Faulk
4415 Brookdale Ave 510-339-9290 Katie O'Shea	2bd/1ba		\$679,000	4131 Huntington Open Sun. 1-5 Re/MAX E. Bay Hills	2+bd/2ba 510-273-9923 Rick & Ernie	\$899,000	108 Strathmoor Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	2+BD/1BA 510-339-0400 Jill Carrigan	\$889,000	610 Moraga Open Sat Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	3BD/2BA 510-338-1306 Debi Fitzgerald
64 58th Street 510-339-0400 Jennifer Fickenschauer	2BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Jennifer Fickenschauer		\$689,000	1397 Barrows Rd Sun. 2-5 Prudential Grand Lake	2bd/1ba 510-834-2010 Dolores Thom	\$899,000	373 Warwick Ave Open Sun. 2-4 Red Oak Realty	4bd/2ba 510-292-2026 Kimberly Miller	\$1,100,000	1755 Trestle Glen Road Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	3BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Mindy Scott
2606 Wallace St. 510-522-4449 Keiko McDonah	2 BD 510-522-4449 Keiko McDonah		\$699,000	372-374 Adams St Open Sun. 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty	3bd/2ba 510-292-2038 Carrie McAllister	\$899,000	4190 Laguna Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Grand Lake	3bd/3ba 510-915-2885 Ellen Posey	\$1,195,000	1761 Trestle Glen Road Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	3BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Elizabeth Dickson
1125 Madrone Avenue 510-531-7000 x242 Chris Christensen	2BD/1BA 510-531-7000 x242 Chris Christensen		\$699,000	4400 Terrabella Pl Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	3+bd/2.5ba 510-339-9290 Rick Richetta	\$899,000	6858 Aitken Dr Open 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	3bd/2.5ba 510-339-9290 Tami Bobb	\$1,195,000	42 Calvert Court Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	3+BD/2+BA 510-339-0400 Linda McClain
3877 Madrone Ave 510-339-9290 Vicki Landes	2+bd/1ba		\$715,000	3957 Oakmore Rd Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	2bd/1.5ba 510-339-8400 Michael Thompson	\$918,000	7602 Surrey Lane Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	4bd/3ba 510-339-9290 Myrtice Wong	\$1,335,000	15 Littlewood Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	4++BD/2.5BA 510-338-1382 Keith Thales
464 Virginia Avenue 510-486-1495 Laura Arechiga	2BD/2BA 510-486-1495 Laura Arechiga		\$719,000	10 Maydon Ct Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	4bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Regina Jacobs	\$925,000	92 Linda Ave Open Sun. 2-4 Millstein & Assoc.	FOURPLEX 510-527-0077 Stuart Marson	\$1,378,000	327 San Carlos Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	4bd/1.5ba 510-339-8400 Regina Jacobs
4519 Shafter Ave. 510-339-4700 Michelle Ford	2BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Michelle Ford		\$719,000	4129 Maybelle Ave Open Sun 2-5 Prudential Grand Lake	2+bd/3ba 510-834-2010 John Forrest Bell	\$949,000	7205 Wild Currant Way Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	4BD/3BA 510-338-1353 Chuck Corwin	\$1,595,000	505 Scenic Open Sun 2-5 Prudential Piedmont	4+bd/3+ba 510-428-0900 Scott Thompson
2336 Rawson Street 510-531-7006 x228 Kate Phillips	3BD/1BA 510-531-7006 x228 Kate Phillips		\$725,000	4107 Lyman Rd Open Sat/Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	2++bd/1.5ba 510-339-9290 Kris Makris	\$950,000	6819 Pinehaven Open 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	3BD/2BA 510-338-1368 Ashley O'Neill	\$1,850,000	160 Estates Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	5BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Tricia Swift
2804 Delaware Street 510-339-4700 Julie Joyce	2+BD/1+BA 510-339-4700 Julie Joyce		\$725,000	4409 Arcadia Ave Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	2+bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Patricia Bennett	\$975,000	110 Calvert Ct. Sat & Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	3BD/2BA 510-913-7098 Linda Van Drent	\$2,200,000	21 Richardson Way Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	5BD/2.5BA 510-338-1306 Debi Fitzgerald
374 49th Street 510-899-8000 Arballo/Montague	2BD/1BA 510-899-8000 Arballo/Montague		\$739,000	5707 Ayala St Open Sat/Sun. 2-5 Prudential Claremont	3bd/1.5ba 510-945-0211 Jeff Roberts	\$979,000	515 Valle Vista Open Sun 2-4:30 C21 Heritage	3+BR/2+BA 510-339-8900 Tom Erwin	\$2,200,000	58 Lakeview Avenue Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	4BD/3.5BA 510-338-1313 Sally Morrison
566 Alton Ave. 510-507-3334 Therese Herget	DUPLEX 510-507-3334 Therese Herget		\$745,000	673 60th St Open Sun. 2-4 Maison Nouveau	4bd/3ba 510-347-1248 Annalise Demuth	\$998,000	2916 Morgan Avenue Open Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	3BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Rachel Baller	\$2,400,000	1205 Melville Sq Open Sat/Sun. 1-4 Marvin Gardens	1bd/1ba 510-527-9111 Maggie Resnick
417 Tompkins Ave. 510-834-2010 Angela McIntyre	2+BD/1 BA 510-834-2010 Angela McIntyre		\$745,000	39 Kingwood Dr Open Sun 1-4 Olson Realty	3BD/2.5BA 707-771-8400 Marlene Deane	\$998,000	74 Castle Park Way Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Debra Dryden	\$2,940,000	1205 Melville Sq Open Sat/Sun. 1-4 Marvin Gardens	1bd/1ba 510-527-9111 Maggie Resnick
466 Park Blvd. 510-339-4700 Terry Anthony	2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Terry Anthony		\$749,900	866 Prospect Avenue Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	3BD/1.5BA 510-338-1317 Kathy Flynn	\$1,035,000	1061 Hubert Road Open Sun 2-4:30				

ALAMEDA



339 BROADWAY #203 \$339,750
East End Open Saturday 2-4
Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with exceptional views of the lagoon & pool area from your balcony. Close to shopping and the beach.
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2-story home w/spacious kitchen & family room. Formal living & dining room, 2 fireplaces, landscaped yard, high ceilings and much more.
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Beautifully renovated Victorian retaining original charm. Featuring full basement & lg yard. Hurry before this home is gone!
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Rare one level ranch style home on lagoon with spectacular views. 3 bedroom, 2 bath freshly painted inside and new carpets throughout.
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Practically rebuilt with many repairs and replacements. New bath fixtures, Berber/Pergo floors, 2 sheds & more! Expansion possibilities.
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Luxurious 3-4 bedroom home with \$100K in upgrades: digital, appliances, courtyard, second patio and MUCH MORE!! Steps to marinas & park.
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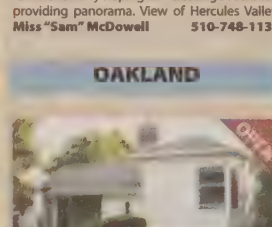
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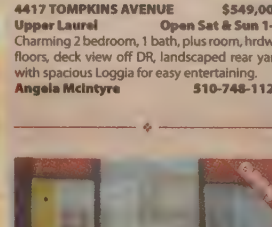


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SPORTS

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Section C

Berkeley boats win national titles

ROWING

Rowing National Youth Championships in Cincinnati.

But it ended with it soaring over the competition, as the boat won the gold medal in its division. Berkeley's girls varsity 4+ boat finished first in the petite final for its division on Sunday.

"At the US Rowing Nationals, we were the only public high

school to win a national title this year," Berkeley boys varsity coach Chris Dadd said. "(The program is) unique because it is the only public high school (program) in California, for sure, and probably the West Coast. We are a varsity sport at this high school. Kids can earn a varsity letter."

The Berkeley's boys lightweight 4+ boat won the final by more than two seconds. It finished the 2,000 meter race in 7

minutes, 25.93 seconds.

"At the halfway point, we were second. Daniel (Krasnor), the coxswain, called a midrace sprint and it catapulted us past the first-place boat (Wayland Weston), and they didn't know what hit them. We took the lead with probably about 800 meters remaining," Dadd said.

Besides Krasnor, other members of the boat were sophomores Ian Horton and Patrick

Stolcke, junior Cole Pedicone and senior Alex Mog. Krasnor is also a senior.

"I was pleased that the work that the boys put in paid off. It was very satisfying," Dadd said.

There were up-and-down performances for the boat last weekend.

"In the final, they pulled it together. It was a nice progression in the weekend from going from a mediocre performance on Fri-

day (in a heat) to a near-disastrous performance in the semifinal to their best performance of the season in the final," Dadd said.

Berkeley won its heat with a time of 7:00.21, then barely made the final with a third-place finish in the semifinals (7:17.05), 4.33 seconds behind winner Wayland Weston. The top three boats advanced from the semifinals to the

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THE PREP YEAR IN REVIEW



DOUG DURAN/STAFF FILE

ER NICOLE PRESHER helped the seventh-seeded Albany softball team win the NCS 2A East Bay Championship with a comeback win over Piedmont.

Long-shot winners make it a year to remember

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NCS softball title,
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op the year that was

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER
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Voice Journal prep sports stories of the school year:

10. St. Mary's High School boys basketball team breaks Salesian's 15-game winning streak: The Panthers' Ryan Bremond drove the length of the floor at Contra Costa College and scored on a layup as time expired to give St. Mary's a 64-62 win over Salesian on Feb. 11, breaking a winning streak for Salesian that stretched back into December. The Panthers trailed 32-25 at half-time. Will Brew scored 16 points with five rebounds, five assists and six steals in the win. Salesian ended up winning the North Coast Section Division IV title.

9. Fred Gonzalez retires: The longtime boys soccer and boys volleyball coach at El Cerrito re-

tired after a boys volleyball season in which his squad reached the NCS Class I playoffs and extended its Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League winning streak to an amazing 66 straight matches. The streak dates back to 2000.

8. Alex Cushing wins four BSAL swimming titles: Winning four events is an accomplishment in any meet, but the league championships are not just any meet. Cushing, a St. Mary's senior, took first in two individual events with NCS automatic qualifying times and swam legs on two winning boys relay teams. The Cal-bound Cushing produced times of 1 minute, 59.65 seconds in the 200-yard individual medley and 21.83 in the 50

freestyle. He swam the second legs of the Panthers' 200 medley (1:44.59) and 200 freestyle (1:32.62) relays.

7. Berkeley High crew team wins nationals: The Yellow Jackets' boys lightweight 4+ boat and the girls varsity 4+ boat both produced first-place finishes last weekend at the US Rowing National Youth Championships in Cincinnati.

6. Mario Hollands hurls a no-hitter: The El Cerrito ace pitcher did not allow a baserunner for four innings, and only three Berkeley batters reached base in the game (one walk, one hit-by-pitch, one error). He struck out 10 batters in the El Cerrito baseball team's 2-0 triumph at Cal's Evans Diamond on April 25.

5. Albany's Joy Kim wins NorCal girls golf title: Talk about beating the odds . . . Albany did not have a girls golf team, so Kim prepared for the post-season at junior amateur events. After winning the BSAL tournament and finishing second in the NCS tournament, the freshman was the medalist at the California Interscholastic Federation/Northern California Golf Association Northern California regionals. She then tied for 10th at the CIF state championships.

4. St. Mary's girls volleyball team reaches Division IV state championship match: After winning the first NCS title in the program's history, the Panthers

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Cal star sparkles at NCAA

Johnson races past two opponents in the final 100 meters to finish third in the women's 800

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO — Cal's Alysia Johnson fell behind the leaders on the backstretch of the final lap of the women's 800-meter final Saturday at the NCAA championships.

"The second lap, the backstretch, I tend to fade out, but I don't worry about that part because I know I have a strong kick," said the sophomore.

She sure does. Johnson blew past two competitors in the final 100 meters to finish third with a personal best time of 2 minutes, 3.04 seconds. She shattered her previous personal best, set in the semifinals, by 1.72 seconds.

"I knew I was ready to run fast," Johnson said. "I'm happy with (third place) because the PR came."

It was Johnson's third straight personal record in that event. She started the championships with a personal record in the preliminaries (2:05.10).

Johnson moved to No. 2 on Cal's all-time list in the event.

"She is certainly a two-flat person. She's got world-class speed for a half-miler," Cal assistant coach Tony Sandoval said, "and the work ethic to make it happen."

The first four finishers in the women's 800 are all underclassmen, which bodes well for great races at this distance at least the next couple of years. Oregon freshman Rebekah Noble won in 2:02.07, followed by Minnesota sophomore Heather Dorniden (2:03.02), Johnson and Michigan freshman Geena Gall (2:04.35). Stanford junior Ashley Freeman was seventh (2:05.89).

Cal's Paul Teinert broke his own school record in the men's javelin, as his third attempt sailed 236 feet. The mark was good for fifth place.

"I knew it was a good throw. I felt really strong," said Teinert, a senior. "I definitely felt I had a little more distance in the tank today."

Teinert was seventh last year at this meet.

"I can't be disappointed with finishing fifth at the NCAA championships. I felt good putting points on the board for Cal," he said.

North Carolina's Justin Ryn-cavage dominated the event, with all three of his marks being longer than any of his competitors (he had three fouls). His best mark was 243-4.

Boosted by three individual victories Saturday, Florida State won its first men's team title with 67 points. The Auburn women also won their first team title, scoring 57 points to easily out-distance second-place USC (38.5).

Cal's Antonette Carter got a really good start in her semifinal heat of the women's 200 meters Friday at the NCAA track and field championships.

She continued to move well with 100 meters to go, then . . . it was like she hit a wall.

"One-twenty to 140 (meters) — that's usually where I make a move," the senior said. "I tried, but I couldn't breathe."

Carter's record-breaking Cal career came to an end, as she finished fifth in her heat with the 11th-fastest time of the semifinals (23.39 seconds). The top four finishers in each semifinal heat and the next fastest time

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GREGORY URQUIGUA/STAFF FILE 2006

BOGAN (3) and Tarah Murrey (4) helped the St. Mary's girls volleyball team become the first Alameda County team since 1994 to reach a state championship match.



SHERRY LAVAR/STAFF FILE

SHONETTA CRAIN-WILLIAMS, front, and her teammates were the ultimate road warriors, winning an NCS title despite not having a gym at El Cerrito High School.

FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

Robert Gallia said the water was flat and calm Saturday and Sunday. The Berkeley salmon fishing fleet experienced some of the best mooching and trolling since the season started, as all boats fishing the Pt. Reyes area scored limits for the seventh day in a row. The salmon have been holding in a large area of sardines and anchovies located in 40 fathoms of dark water, northwest of the Pt. Reyes lighthouse. Like clockwork, the salmon have been feeding in the morning, taking a break before noon, then feeding again in the afternoon. The best action was reported between 40 and 60 pulls. All skippers reported multiple hookups, with many in the 20-pound class. Dennis Cordova of Concord was aboard the El Dorado and landed a limit of salmon weighing over 50 pounds. He used a custom tied fly behind a flasher in 60 pulls. For more information, visit BerkeleyMarinaSportfishingCenter.com.

Diana Nunez of www.berkeleysportfishing.com also reported an outstanding weekend for salmon mooching. On Saturday morning the New Golden Eye and the Golden Eye 2000 went to Pt. Reyes and located a massive area of salmon feeding on anchovies. The New Golden Eye scored 64 early limits of salmon up to 20 pounds, and the Golden Eye 2000 caught 28 early limits weighing up to 36 pounds.

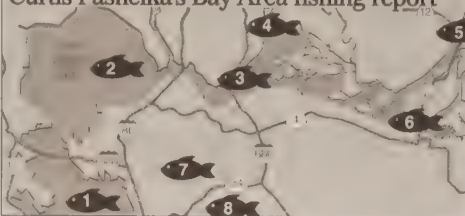
THE BAYS

SAN FRANCISCO: Nunez said weekend fishing in the Berkeley Flats was successful. On Saturday, the Hall with Capt. Bert Nakao reported that 25 anglers caught 27 halibut up to 25 pounds, and seven bass up to 12 pounds. Capt. Jim Smith of the Happy Hooker fished the Berkeley Flats on Friday and caught 16 bass up to 25 pounds and 11 halibut up to 21 pounds for the 19 anglers aboard.

Capt. James Smith of the charter boat California Dawn had a solid week fishing for striped bass and halibut in the Berkeley Flats and South Bay. He fished the Berkeley Flats on Saturday and Sunday, catching a combined 41 halibut and 15 bass. On Saturday, Mark Schmidt of Diamond Springs caught a 35-pound halibut.

SUISUN: Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle reported good fishing over the last week, with a lot of keeper-sized stur-

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent
1. San Francisco Bay — Still solid fishing for halibut, bass.	2. San Pablo Bay — Not much to report.	3. Mothball Fleet — Tides should be good this weekend.	4. Montezuma Slough — More keeper sturgeon being had.	5. Rio Vista Bridge — Try the shores of Highway 160.
				6. Antioch Pier — A decent place for stripers, black bass.
				7. San Pablo Reservoir — Catfish action should pick up.
				8. Lafayette Reservoir — Limits of trout are becoming more common

geon caught and a few monsters. There have been a few stripers as well, but nothing to get excited about. The wind has been a real factor. The morning outgoing tides for this weekend are in the minus zones, making sturgeon fishing better. The incoming tides that follow should be good as well. Ghost and grass shrimp are working for sturgeon, and pile worms are working for sturgeon.

THE DELTA

Bernadette Pipkins of Gotchal Bait and Tackle said conditions are about the same as last week. Anglers are finding panfish in

the back sloughs and black bass along the shoreline. Stripers can be had anywhere from San Joaquin River to the Pittsburg PG&E plant.

THE LAKES

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY: The staff at Lake Chabot said trout fishing slowed down a little with the warmer weather. Trout tend to hang out in the cooler water by the dam roughly 25-40 feet deep. Anglers fishing from shore using PowerBait are doing fairly well on the west shore trail fishing by Cools Landing and Alder Point.

Bass action has picked up with several caught in the 1-2 pound range. Anglers are using crankbaits and plastic worms. Try Alder Point, Bass Cove and Raccoon Point. Several catfish reports came in about catches from the first dock early in the morning. Mackerel and chicken liver are the best baits. Lake Chabot is going to get weekly catfish plants in about two weeks.

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: Bait fishing using Power Bait or nightcrawlers is working best for trout anglers. Trollers are seeing some action. Catching trout were Myreyn Sahan of El Sobrante (5 pounds), Duke Hoang of Fairfield (5 pounds), Greg Slesse of El Sobrante (6.75 pounds), Mark Davis of El Sobrante (5.2 pounds) and Dentell Reed of San Jose (5.5 pounds).

Some bass are reported being caught, but not a lot of people are fishing for them. The reservoir just had a 1,250-pound catfish plant on Sunday and some are being caught now. There should be action over the next few weeks. Some crappie have been reported at the launch area. Chun Macchietto caught a 1-pounder while trolling. For bluegill, try down at the launch ramp area. The crappie are there, so the bluegill are not far behind.

LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR, LAFAYETTE: Fishing has really picked up as anglers are catching trout at shallow depths (12 feet and up) using shiny lures or bait with a bobber. The trout anglers having the best luck are fishing the east and south ends of the reservoir by boat. Randy Lee caught a limit of trout in two hours, trolling in the south end and middle of the reservoir with nightcrawlers and flashers. He later caught another limit within two hours trolling with worms and flashers toward the south end. Bluegill and yellow perch have been caught off various docks using worms.

— Compiled by Curtis Pashelka

ALBANY-BERKELEY STING SOFTBALL

RESULTS OF VALLEJO FAST PITCH TOURNAMENT, JUNE 10-11

Sting Gold 10-U 7, Vallejo Hurricanes 4: Sting Gold 10-U kicked off the tournament weekend with a 7-4 victory over the Vallejo Hurricanes. With the bases loaded, Nora Killian cracked a huge hit, driving in three runs to provide the margin of victory. On defense, Sting executed a nice double play when Samantha Chiang scooped up a hot grounder and threw to first baseman Cassidy Villeneuve for an out. Villeneuve then fired it back across the field to third baseman Killian, who tagged the runner for the double play.

Alameda Blaze 9, Sting Gold 12U 1: Sting Pitcher Kate Moore held the Blaze to one run on one hit for the first four innings, striking out the side in the second and third. But the Blaze connected for seven runs in the fifth to blow the game open. In the bottom of the fifth, Sting mounted a rally when Anna Moore doubled, stole third, and scored on Anansa Ridley's sacrifice fly to deep right. Stingers Clara Obstfeld and Lia Rosenfeld also had hits. Maria Price-Hanson came on in relief for Sting in the final inning and fanned two batters.

San Jose Tremors 5, Sting Gold 12U 2: In the third inning, Catherine Cove beat out an infield single, then Anna Moore knocked a hard single

to the left side and under a tag at first base. Under a tag at first base, another defense played well. Kate Moore and Phyllis Rosenfeld at second, riding everything that came their way. Tremors were a few runs behind, but a few more runs to prevail.

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Year

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marched through three straight CIF Northern California regional playoff opponents to become only the third team in Alameda County history, and the first since 1994, to reach a CIF state girls volleyball championship match. St. Mary's fell 26-24, 25-20, 25-9 to Francis Parker-San Diego in the CIF Division IV state championship match on Dec. 3.

3. Despite spending the season with no gym on campus, the El Cerrito girls basketball team wins the NCS Division III title: With the El Cerrito campus in the midst of a rebuilding project, the Gauchos practiced at Portola Middle School and played games at Lovonya DeJean Middle School. But they were able to achieve something no El Cerrito girls basketball team had achieved since 1988: a NCS championship victory. The Gauchos trounced Miramonte 55-41 in the NCS Division III final on March 4.

2. Despite starting 4-6, the Berkeley girls basketball team rebounds to reach the CIF Division I state championship game: An inconsistent Yellow Jackets squad got hot when it counted this past season. After a one-point loss to San Ramon Valley in the NCS Division I title game, Berkeley outscored its



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF FILE

EL CERRITO pitcher Mario Hollands threw a no-hitter against Berkeley on April 25. The Gauchos won 2-0.

next three opponents by an average of 23 points, including a 66-28 win over Napa in the Nor-Cal Division I title game. In the state championship game, Berkeley lost 54-34 to Long Beach Poly.

1. The Albany softball team's run to the NCS 2A East Bay championship: The Cougars entered the NCS 2A East Bay playoffs as the No. 7 seed, therefore not getting a bye in the first round. After easily defeating No. 10 Hercules 13-3 in five innings, Albany's heroics started. In the quarterfinals, Albany stunned No.

2 Concord 5-3. The Minutemen had runners on second and third with two outs in the bottom of the seventh before Amaya Fernandez caught a line drive in left field to end the game. In the semifinals, Albany fell behind 2-0 against No. 3 Moreau Catholic in the first inning, but rallied for a 4-2 victory. In the final, Albany rallied with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat No. 1 Piedmont 5-4. Laura Cannon ended the game with a two-run double.

NCAA

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qualified for Saturday's final at Sacramento State.

"I found out a valuable lesson," said Carter, the Mt. Diablo High School graduate who holds Cal records in the 100 and 200, after the race. "I just found out that Albuterol is not a preventer." Carter uses her Albuterol inhaler for asthma attacks. She said that she had a small asthma attack in the 200 preliminaries on Wednesday, so she used her inhaler "probably 20 to 30 minutes" before her semifinal Friday.

"I try not to use the inhaler. I hate to use it," Carter said. "I barely made it across the line (Friday). I could not breathe." Inhalers are OK to use in the NCAA championships, said Michelle Dorsey of the National Center for Drug-Free Sport.

Carter is pleased with her career at Cal.

"It's been good. I wish it would have ended on a better note," she said.

Rowing

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final, Dadd said.

The girls varsity 4+ boat, composed of sophomores Rosa Cox and Emma Cox and seniors Katherine Powelson, Jessie Moritz and Phoebe Kasdin as coxswain, was third in its heat on Friday (7:43.80). That meant the team needed to compete in the repechage the next day to make the semifinal. The Berkeley boat came in first in its Saturday morning repechage by over six seconds in 8:40.89, advancing it to the semifinals later that day. In that race, Berkeley was fourth (8:14.66). In the petite final, Berkeley won by more

than three seconds (8:10.39).

OAKLAND STROKES

James Barnett and Zander Bice, who are both students at Berkeley High School, were members of the Strokes' boys varsity 8 boat that took second to Marin Rowing Association in the petite final of its division at the US Rowing National Youth Championships. The boat started competition with a third-place finish in its heat (6:03.59), then it won a repechage (6:33.38). It was fourth in a semifinal (6:23.68) before finishing second in the petite final (6:28.28).

Zoe Janachek of Berkeley was a member of the Strokes' girls lightweight 4+ team that finished fifth in the petite final (8:39.33).

urday with a Bachelor's of Arts in African and African American Studies.

"I've had a very fun time. I've learned a lot. Unfortunately, my track career has been hindered by injuries," said Welch about his time at Stanford. He suffered a right heel injury this season that kept him out of competition for six weeks, he said.

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PLAYING

"UNCONVENIENT TRUTH": Al Pacino's presentation on the warming sounds like it might be a bit of a wake-up call. Too bad the documentary focuses only on the issue of global warming. PG: mild thematic elements. 1 hour, 34 minutes. **B**

"SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL": A skewering of art school clichés of genius but is too much of its own good. Bay Area director David Lauder ("Ghost World," "Shogun") and screenwriter David Lowery are off their marks in this one. PG: mild thematic elements. 1 hour, 42 minutes. **C+**

"BREAK-UP": All that's missing is the romantic comedy in the title. The comedy. Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn play a couple who give up their fab lifestyles, even as the relationship sours. PG-13: some crude language, some nudity, language. 1 hour, 41 minutes. **C**

"THE KING": A film noir set mostly in a high school. Director Rian Johnson is a king, paying homage to the past, while adding contemporary spin. Joseph Gordon-Levitt is a tough-talking ex-girlfriend's ex-boyfriend. PG-13: some crude language, some nudity, language. 1 hour, 50 minutes. **B**

"THE LAKESIDE": A flashy race car (voiced by Wilson) gets stuck in a bad town and learns that life isn't all that special. Funny and crammed with details and characters, Pixar's animation creation is this year's joy ride for all ages. — R. Myers. (R: violence, language.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. **A**

"THE VINCI CODE": Director John Dahl's capable interpretation of Dan Brown's ballyhooed best-selling religious thriller is all wrong as a movie that investigates a murder. Louvre and uncovers a conspiracy. But Ian McKellen's scholar chum and Paul Giamatti's tortured monk provide a light touch. — R. Myers.

(PG-13: disturbing images, violence, some nudity, thematic material, brief drug references and sexual content.) 2 hours, 33 minutes. **C+**

"DISTRICT B13": In this fast-paced martial-arts offering, Leito is a former denizen of District B13, a man's land abandoned by authority and controlled by gun-toting gangs. Now in prison, he dreams of returning to rescue his sister, a doped-up pet of the zone's top mobster. A showcase for the contemporary discipline of parkour. — D. Germain. (R: strong violence, some drug content, language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **C**

"ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN": Three furry friends — Manny the mammoth, Sid the sloth and Diego the saber-toothed tiger — head out on a journey to find an ark as an ice dam surrounding their village threatens to buckle. Sound moral lessons for the kiddies, and the animation is better than the screenplay. — R. Myers. (PG: some mild language, innuendo.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **C+**

"KEEPING UP WITH THE STEINS": This sitcom masquerading as a movie amusingly follows the planning of a bar mitzvah. Lots of kvetching among family members, with tidy solutions. The cast, especially Jeremy Piven and Jami Gertz, is fine but the script ho-hum. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some crude language, nudity, brief drug references.) 1 hour, 24 minutes. **C+**

"THE KING": Gael Garcia Bernal stars in this drama that strays beyond unsavory voyeurism into tabloid territory. He's a bad seed illegitimate son who comes back to haunt his father and his cozy new family. — D. Germain. (R: strong sexual activity involving a teen, some violence, language.) **C**

"MILLIE": Super agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) returns for his most accomplished big-screen mission yet, going after a deadly arms dealer (Philip Seymour Hoffman). Loaded with intense action, snappy writing and great performances. Nearly loses control at the end, but not quite. — R. Myers. (PG-13: intense sequences of violence and menace, disturbing images, some sexuality.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. **B+**

"MRS. PALFREY AT THE CLARE":

"MONT": Joan Plowright is a widow who moves to London in search of culture and the company of her only grandson. But the elegant hotel she anticipated turns out to be a shabby pensioner home, and the grandson a no-show. Then she falls into an unlikely friendship with an aspiring writer a quarter her age. — C. Chocano. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **C**

"THE OMEN": In this stylish remake of the 1976 horror classic, Liev Schreiber and Julia Stiles play the luckless host parents of Satan's spawn. Mia Farrow is devilishly delicious as a Mary Poppins gone homicidal. Better than the original. — R. Myers. (R: disturbing violent content, graphic images, some language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **B+**

"OVER THE HEDGE": The 'burbs get irreverently roasted in this peppy animated feature that avoids being another "Shrek" rip-off. A gang of woodland critters (voiced by Bruce Willis, Gary Shandling and Wanda Sykes, among others) tries to make peace with the growing suburbia next door. — R. Myers. (PG: some crude humor, mild comic action.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. **B**

"PEACEFUL WARRIOR": An insufferably long new-age ditty about an arrogant UC Berkeley gymnast who learns to master the ropes of his life. Poorly written and acted, saved only by a sometimes-cool visual style. With Nick Nolte as a cosmic philosopher. — R. Myers. (PG-13: sensuality, sex references, accident scenes.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. **D+**

"POSEIDON": The 1972 upside-down luxury liner disaster classic "The Poseidon Adventure" was all about action, not the characters. But this remake goes the opposite way. Bad movie. Instead of Shelley Long and Richard Gere, it's Richard Gere and Richard Gere. — R. Myers. (PG-13: intense prolonged sequences of disaster and peril.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **C-**

"A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION": This wistful, nostalgic drama radiates with life, even though it deals with loss in many forms. Director Robert Altman and screenwriter Garrison Keillor make a wonderful team, offering up a loving homage to the resiliency of the Midwest spirit and old-time radio. — R. Myers.

ers. (PG-13: risque humor.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **B+**

"THE PROPOSITION": Kill your crazy older brother so your younger one can live. That's the moral quandary faced by an 1890s desperado (Guy Pearce) in this blood-soaked, risk-taking Western set in the outback. Screenplay by indie musician Nick Cave. — R. Myers. (R: strong, grisly violence, language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **A-**

"THE PUFFY CHAIR": Delivering a 1985 lounge to his dad in Atlanta takes on the air of a mission impossible for an unlucky New Yorker along with his girlfriend and brother. This independent gem from the talented Duplass brothers is comical and touching, probing deeper into the complexities of relationships than you would expect. — R. Myers. (R: language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **B**

"RV": A slap-happy comedy starring Robin Williams as a soft-drink executive who, when a deal is about to go sour, rents an R.V. and takes the wife and kids on the road. — R. Moore. (PG: crude humor, innuendo, language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **B**

"THANK YOU FOR SMOKING": Persuasive Big Tobacco spinmeister Nick (Aaron Eckhart) is the amoral center of this clever, rambling satire that skewers everything from D.C. to Hollywood. — R. Myers. (R: language, some sexual content.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. **B+**

"V FOR VENDETTA": A complex futuristic thriller by the creators of "The Matrix" movies. Based on a graphic novel about a masked Renaissance-type man who enlists the help of a young woman (Natalie Portman) to fight a totalitarian government. — R. Myers. (R: strong violence, some language.) 2 hours, 13 minutes. **B+**

"X-MEN: THE LAST STAND": Punctuated with wows, this sequel will be a relief to fans worried about Bryan Singer handing the directing reins to Brett Ratner ("Rush Hour"). Hugh Jackman once again stands out among the stellar cast: Halle Berry, Anna Paquin, Ian McKellen. The premise? A possible cure for mutancy. — R. Myers. (PG-13: intense sequences of action violence, some sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. **B+**

OPENING TODAY

"CAVITE" (R)
Terrorists kidnap and threaten to kill an American man's mother and sister, both living in the Philippines.

"THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS: TOKYO DRIFT" (PG-13)
Lucas Black stars in this third installment as a streetwise guy getting into Japanese drift racing.

"GARFIELD: A TALE OF TWO KITTIES" (PG)
The curious cat is mistaken for royalty when he tags along with his owner to England.

"GIULIANI TIME" (NR)
The image of former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is scrutinized in this documentary.

"THE HEART OF THE GAME" (PG-13)
This documentary focuses on a quirky girls basketball coach and his star player, who has a tough home life.

"THE LAKE HOUSE" (PG)
Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves play people who once lived in the same house, years apart, and start corresponding via a magical mailbox.

"NACHO LIBRE" (PG)
To save an orphanage from going belly-up, a priest (Jack Black) turns

to Mexican wrestling to save the day in this comedy.

"SWIMMERS" (NR)
The Maryland coast is the setting for this drama about a 12-year-old girl who loses both her ability to hear and swim.

"TWELVE AND HOLDING" (R)
A trio of 12-year-olds experience growing pains and bad parenting in suburbia.

Coming soon

"SUPERMAN" (PG-13)
After a long hiatus, the Man of Steel returns to the big screen. Directed by Bryan Singer, with Kevin Spacey, Kate Winslet and newcomer Brandon Routh. (June 28)

"THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA" (PG-13)
Meryl Streep stars in this film version of the best-seller about a high-powered fashion editor and her small-town assistant. (June 30)

"PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST" (PG-13)
Johnny Depp is back as a crazed pirate in this sequel to the original blockbuster inspired by the Disneyland ride. (July 7)

Events

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Mozart In The Garden Party," — June 25. The "Midsummer Mozart Festival" kicks off its 32nd season with this "Garden Party" celebration. Head to a lush private garden atop the East Bay hills where you will enjoy estate wines, food and a concert by Maestro George Cleve and Festival artists. Address and directions will be provided upon purchase of ticket. \$65.30 p.m. 415-627-9141.

Chapel Of The Chimes — Oakland Lyric Opera, June 25, 2 p.m. Featured artists: Jorge Orlando Gomez, tenor; Melanie Petro, soprano; Joyce Whitelaw, piano. The program titled "Romantic Music" showcases operatic romantic music by Hispanic composers and includes classical arias and popular songs from Portugal, Spain, Italy, Argentina and Mexico. Reservations requested. \$18-\$20. 510-836-6772. 4499 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-654-0123, www.chapelofthechimes.com.

First Congregational Church Of Berkeley — Betsy Rose, June 16, 7:15 p.m. Rose sings songs from the repertoire of her monthly "Woman-song" gatherings as well as tunes from her community musical peace project, "Singing for Peace." She will be accompanied by a chorus. \$15-\$20 suggested donation. 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

St. John's Presbyterian Church — "Chamber Music Sundays," June 18, 3:15 p.m. "Chamber Music Sundays" features some of the talented musicians of the San Francisco Symphony performing in small groups. This program will include works of Strauss and Faure, as well as Scottish fiddle duos. \$9-\$21. www.chambermusicundays.org 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-6830, www.stjohns.presbychurh.net.

Zellerbach Hall At The University Of California, Berkeley — Berkeley Symphony, June 21, 8 p.m. Kent Nagano conducting. Featured artist: Janna Englen, soprano. The program will include the West Coast premiere of Edmund Campion's "Practice" as well as works of Alban Berg, Mozart

and Schumann. \$23-\$54. www.berkeleysymphony.org. UC Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley.

STAGE

Aurora Theatre Company — "Permanent Collection," by Thomas Gibbons, June 22 through July 23. Gibbons' play, inspired by the true controversies surrounding Philadelphia's Barnes Foundation, explores opposing views of art, race and culture. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. \$28-\$45. Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822, www.auroratheatre.org.

Berkeley City Club — "Walking the Dead," through Oct. 29. Theatre Q presents Keith Curran's work about the tragic death of a transgendered person. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$18-\$20. 510-326-8197, www.theatreq.org. "The Inspector-General," by Gary Graves, June 24 through July 30. Inspired by Gogol's classic, the play focuses on the riotous encounter between a happily married couple sheltered within a northern California gated community and the government official who unexpectedly pays them a visit. Presented by Central Works. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. \$9-\$25. 510-558-1381, www.centralworks.org. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre — "The Glass Menagerie," by Tennessee Williams, through July 2. Starring Emmy, Tony, Oscar and Grammy winner Rita Moreno as Amanda, Williams' autobiographical play is a tale of endurance and forgiveness in which a young man is torn between obligation to his family and the need to lead a life of his own. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursdays and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. NO PERFORMANCES APRIL 12, APRIL 14, APRIL 18, APRIL 21, APRIL 25, MAY 3, MAY 17 AND JUNE 28; NO 2 P.M. PERFORMANCE JUNE 17.

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●A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13)

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●The Break-Up (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:40,

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●The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift

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●Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties (PG)

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●The Lake House (PG) 12:10, 2:45,

5:10, 7:30, 9:50.

●The Last Stand (PG) 11, 1:10, 3:30, 5:30, 8,

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●The Omen (R) 12, 2:40, 5:20, 8, 10:30.

●X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13) 11:20,

2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40.

Shattuck Cinemas *

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●Brick (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:25, 9:50.

●Cars (G) 1:50, 12:50, 3:25, 4:25, 6, 7,

8:30, 9:40.

●Cavite (NR) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.

●District B13 (R) 5, 9:20.

●The King (R) 2, 4:50, 7:35, 9:55.

●Peaceful Warrior (PG-13) 1:45, 4:20,

7:05, 9:45.

●The Proposition (R) 2:20, 4:55, 7:20,

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●The Puffy Chair (R) 3:20, 7:15.

●Thank You for Smoking (R) 2:10, 4:35,

6:50, 9:10.

●Twelve and Holding (R) 1:35, 4:30,

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United Artists Berkeley 7

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●The Da Vinci Code (PG-13) 12:10,

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●The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift

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●The Lake House (PG) 10:30, 12:45,

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●Mission: Impossible III (PG-13) 11:30,

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●Nacho Libre (PG) 10:40, 12:55, 3:15,

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●The Omen (R) 10:35, 1, 3:30, 5:55,

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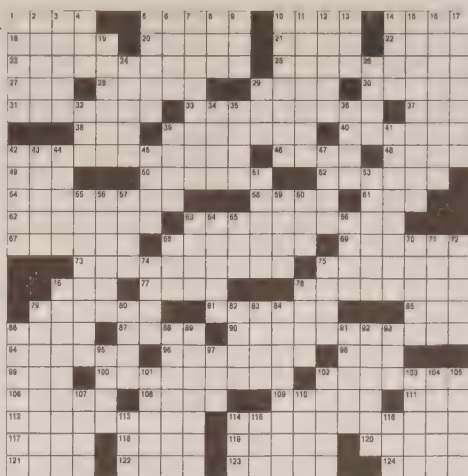
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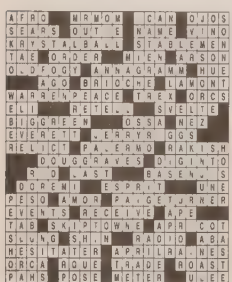


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June 21, June 25 and July 2. June 9: Performance features sign-language interpreters. \$22.50-\$59. Moliere's "The Miser," through June 25. David Ball's adaptation of Moliere's savagely funny comedy about a love affair between a man and his money. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday 2 and 7 p.m.;



May 20, May 25, June 3, June 8, June 15, June 17, June 22 and June 24, 2 p.m. \$22.50-\$59. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, 888-48R-Tix, www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Cal Performances** — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted. "Bigger than Jesus," Rick Miller and Daniel Brooks, June 20 through June 24. Miller's one-man show explores the controversy of Jesus' identity while satirizing all forms of fundamentalism. Tuesday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m. \$30. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988, www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **East Bay Improv** — "Tired of the Same Old Song and Dance?"

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■ **Masquers Playhouse** — through July 22. Based on Rosalind's "Les Romanesques" and George Fleming's original classic "The Fantasticks," this musical comedy tells the tale of young lovers who become disillusioned only to discover a more mature and meaningful love. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; June 25, July 2, July 9 and July 16, 2:30 p.m. \$18. 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. 510-232-4031, www.masquers.org.

■ **Shotgun Players** — Shake-

speare's "King Lear," through June 18. A look at a dysfunctional royal family and the once-powerful king's descent into madness. Thursday-Sunday, 8 p.m.; June 18, 5 p.m. \$15-\$30. The Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-6500, www.shotgunplayers.org.

■ **The Marsh Berkeley** — "Faulty Intelligence," June 21 through July 29. Roy Zimmerman's evening of satirical tunes includes a love to "Dick Cheney," a lesson in "Creation Science 101" and a portrait in song of "Jerry Falwell's God." June 21-June 23 and June 28-June 29, 7 p.m. \$15-\$22. The Gaia Building, 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley. Info: 415-826-5750, Tickets: 800-838-3006, www.themarsh.org.

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Answer: It depends on which lights. It's good to familiarize yourself with your car's owners manual. The car manufacturers provide detailed information regarding all of the vehicle's warning lights. You wouldn't believe how many customers have brought their cars in for service and then asked "By the way 'some' light is on....can you check it out?" Too often drivers don't notice or don't pay attention to warning lights when they come on. This is a bad habit and can prove costly.

Newer vehicles have an abundance of features. For your convenience the manufacturers have added warning lights to inform the driver if there is a problem with practically everything on the vehicle. The new Volvos have streaming data that actually manifests itself as a LED readout for warning messages to the driver.

Obviously some warning lights are more important than others. The three most important lights that should never be ignored are the engine oil light, the "engine coolant light" and "brake (failure) light". Most car manufacturers use symbols, so check your owner's manual so you can recognize these three lights. If the engine oil light, engine coolant light or brake light come on I advise you stop the car and check the

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The check engine light and service light are two other warning lights that customers commonly ask about. The two should not be confused as their appearance mean two completely different things. Let's take check engine light first. The check engine warning light may come on and go off or may come on and stay on. It is tied into the emission system on the vehicle. When the light illuminates it indicates the engine has recognized a malfunction somewhere in the fuel system, ignition system and/or engine that has in some way altered the emissions. When the light is on or has gone on it is likely a problem exists that should be checked out by a properly equipped repair shop. The service light is programmed to come on at mileage intervals (approximately every 5,000 miles). This was originally designed by the car manufacturer to remind the customer to bring the car in for service. On most cars it cannot be reset until it illuminates so it is likely to come on just after you've been in for service.

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The remainder of warning lights vary but generally speaking are not as serious. These consist of battery charge failure light, windshield washer fluid low light, bulb failure light, door ajar light, hazard light, parking brake light, etc. When these lights illuminate the driver usually is able to understand why and knows how to correct the problem with the exception of the battery charge low light. When this light is on, the battery is not fully charged possibly due to the age of the battery, or a failing alternator or even excessive corrosion. This problem should be attended to by a professional unless you'd like to guess and replace the battery and possibly solve the problem or experience a no start in the near future.

I strongly recommend drivers familiarize themselves with their vehicles. This means study your owner's manual. Frequently glance down at the instrument panel and take notice if a dash light appears. Consult your garage if you are unsure of how to proceed when a light appears or if you have any questions regarding your vehicle's engine warning lights.

I hope this answers some of the questions you have regarding dash warning lights.

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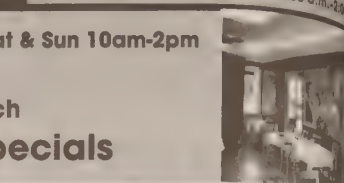
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if your intent, then,
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it's about four
who are kind of thrown
that they're not sure
what's going to
happen. The journey
has its own pace —
once you're on the
ride, you've got to
stay on the ride."

— Johnny Symons, filmmaker

Q: Why do you feel compelled to tackle issues that concern the gay and lesbian community?
A: I think there's a tremendous amount of stereotyping and mis-
conceptions that exist around the
gay and lesbian community. I think
it's evident by all the politics, the
scapegoating going on right now,
the federal marriage amendment —
people don't understand what our
relationships are like, certainly not
what our families are like.

Pretty much all of my films have
dealt with revealing or showing the
universality of the gay and lesbian
experience, that we're not fundamen-
tally very different from straight
people. But at the same time, I try
not to make my films simplistic. I like
showing the complexity of the issues.

Q: I imagine it's going to be a
mind-blowing viewing experience
for some audiences. Who would you
say your intended audience is?
A: Part of my audience is the



JOHNNY SYMONS documents the surrogacy process in "Beyond Conception: Men Having Babies."

gay community. I like making films
that show the gay community
possibilities that they may not
have considered in a detailed way —
I think documentaries can do that
very successfully. People can
imagine what things are like, but
when they actually see a real-life
experience, they understand it in a
new way, and they feel it. And

maybe heterosexuals who have
less exposure to the gay commu-
nity as a way of opening a win-
dow or a door into what our lives
are like.

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Events

■ Susan Landauer, curator at the
San Jose Museum of Art, dis-
cusses mid-20th century abstract
artists from both coasts, 6:30 p.m.
July 20, \$8 including admission.

■ Drew Johnson, curator of pho-
tography at the Oakland Museum,
discusses such photographers as
Alfred Stieglitz and Arnold New-
man, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 3, \$8.

■ Curators Alla Efimova and
Karen Levitov, gallery owner
George Krevisky and art historians
take part in a panel discussion on
"Building a Jewish Collection," 2
p.m. Sept. 17, \$12.

as the caption notes, "subsumed
by the barren industrial land-

scape." But the scene is alive
with color, including a blazing
distant sunset.

Raphael Soyer's works are
among the most evocative in
the exhibit. The 1933 litho-
graphs "Bowerly Nocturne" and
"The Mission" are nightmarish
visions of the desolation of the
Depression.

"Dancing Lesson," a paint-
ing from 1926, depicts Soyer's
twin brother Moses and sister
Rebecca dancing in the living
room, with their parents' quizzical
expressions and a portrait of their
grandparents on the wall for contrast.
Here in one room, one moment, the
Old World gives way to the New.

Soyer's "Seated Couple,"
from 1954, brings him directly
into the modern age with dra-
matic power that belies the
painting's mundane title. It's a
troubled couple, we can tell: a
young man with furrowed brow,
cleft chin, massive hands
with fingers pressed together,
and a well-dressed woman
seated beside him, looking puz-

zled but sympathetic.

The more abstract works in
the exhibit suggest the leap into
the second half of the century,
and they include Shahn's "New
York," a 1947 painting with a
dreamlike collage of city im-
ages, and Louis' "Marcella and
Joe Went Walking," a lively
composition in yellow and blue
with a Jacob's ladder down the
center.

One notable aspect of this
touring show is the discovery
of masterful works by artists
who are barely known to the
museumgoing public. Ribak's
"Coalminers" is one of these, as
well as Isaac Friedlander's "3
A.M.," etching of a somber
crowd on a New York subway
car, and Herbert Ferber's
model for a bronze temple
sculpture, "The Flood." Ferber
manages to capture the sym-
bolic swirling drama of that
biblical event in a panel no
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California.

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2. "Everyman," by Philip Roth.
(Houghton Mifflin, \$24.)
3. "The Foreign Correspondent," by
Alan Furst. (Random House, \$24.95.)
4. "The Art of Detection," by Laurie R.
King. (Bantam, \$24.)
5. "Suite Française," by Irene Ne-
mirovsky. (Knopf, \$25.)
6. "Water for Elephants," by Sara
Gruen. (Algonquin, \$23.95.)
7. "Digging to America," by Anne Tyler.
(Knopf, \$24.95.)
8. "The Whole World Over," by Julia
Glass. (Pantheon, \$25.95.)
9. "Adverbs," by Daniel Handler. (Ecco,
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1. "The Omnivore's Dilemma," by
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Prudhomme. (Knopf, \$25.95.)
6. "The Mighty & the Almighty," by
Madeleine Albright. (HarperCollins,
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7. "The World Is Flat (Updated and
Expanded)," by Thomas L. Friedman
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1. "Saturday," by Ian McEwan. (Anchor,
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2. "A Long Way Down," by Nick

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3. "The History of Love," by Nicole
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4. "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan,"
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5. "Never Let Me Go," by Kazuo Ishig-
uro. (Vintage, \$14.)
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5. "Garlic and Sapphires," by Ruth Re-
ichl. (Penguin, \$15.)
6. "Eats, Shoots & Leaves," by Lynne
Truss. (Gotham, \$11.)
7. "The Thinking Fan's Guide to the
World Cup," edited by Matt Welland
and Sean Wilentz. (HarperCollins,
\$14.95.)
8. "The Glass Castle," by Jeannette
Walls. (Scribner, \$14.)
9. "Collapse," by Jared Diamond. (Pen-
guin, \$17.)
10. "Plan B," by Anne Lamott. (River-
head, \$14.)

Mass market paperback

1. "The Da Vinci Code," by Dan
Brown. (Anchor, \$7.99.)
2. "Angels & Demons," by Dan Brown.
(Pocket, \$7.99.)
3. "Blood From a Stone," by Donna
Leon. (Penguin, \$7.99.)
4. "The Devil Wears Prada," by Lauren
Weisberger. (Anchor, \$7.99.)
5. "4th of July," by James Patterson
and Maxine Paetro. (Warner, \$9.99.)

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Goapele

FROM PAGE C10

Goapele said. "By the time I
finished the 'Closer' EP, my
family was involved, helping
me figure out how people were
going to hear it, and how we
could keep it from being man-
ipulated. We just tried to do
the best we could and not limit
the vision."

Simone, Flack, Wonder

For her performances at
Yoshi's, Goapele will be ex-
panding her musical sightlines
in even more directions, mixing
in songs associated with Nina Si-
mone, Roberta Flack, Stevie
Wonder and maybe Al Green
along with her originals. When
she talks about performing at the
celebrated jazz spot, her eyes
light up. She's clearly thrilled to
be taking the same stage where
she's witnessed some of the
artists who have moved her
most.

"I just watched Hugh
Masekela here," she said. "I
missed Roy Hargrove but I
caught Rachelle Ferrell and
Meshell Ndegeocello, and I saw
Ladisi with Marcus Shelby; that
was just inspirational. I come to
Yoshi's a lot, and I really ap-
preciate that it's so intimate,
that you can hear every breath
and sound, so I can do even the
most quiet songs and it can
come off."

If Goapele was hard to pin
down before, it'll be nearly im-
possible if she starts adding jazz
and blues to her repertoire. But
she doesn't seem to mind.

"I've been called so many
things, and it's probably be-
cause I haven't chosen to give
myself a title or category,"
Goapele said. "Just listen with
open ears and see what you can
take from it."

Obituaries and
In Memoriam



Victor Henry Ratto
Aug. 17, 1955 - June 6, 2006
Resident of Oakland

Preceded in death by his pa-
rents, Warren and Laura Ratto;
his daughter, Melissa; and his
brothers, Warren Jr. and James
Ratto.

Survived by his beloved wife,
Linda; his son, Nicholas Ace; his
step-children, Benjamin and
Christopher; his siblings, Tina,
Joe and Greg Ratto; his grand-
children, Vanessa, Eli and Deva-
nic; his daughters-in-law, Carl,
Julie and Lydia; and his extend-
ed family of nephews, nieces
and in-laws.

Victor was an entrepreneur
from an early age. He was co-
owner of the nightclub Berkeley
Square 1980-1983. With VM Man-
agement, he managed a number
of successful bands including
Translator, Uptones, Jellyfish,
Sea Hags, and Penelope Hous-
ton of the Avengers in her solo
career. His second career was as
an East Bay real estate agent.
He and his sons own Bacci Del-
icatessen in Alameda. Victor
was known for his humor, his
pasta and his ability to make
everyone feel at home and cared
for. His generosity was endless,
as was his ability to love uncon-
ditionally. He had a huge heart
and he will be forever missed. A
Victor Ratto comes along once
in a lifetime.

A memorial service will be
held for those who knew and
loved him at Dunsuir House &
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cants. The chorus rehearses twice
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diger@stjohnschorus.org.

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mer conservatories, June through Aug-
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On DVDs

Martin excels in 'Shopgirl'

SHOPGIRL

Steve Martin wrote and co-stars in this romantic little DVD about a young sales clerk (Claire Danes) looking for love and some direction in her life. Danes is magnetic as the Vermont who moves to L.A. to find her dreams but instead winds up selling gloves at Saks Fifth Avenue. Don't let Martin's presence fool you into believing this is a comedy — the laughs are scarce — but your empathy for Danes' character will be off the charts as her heart alternately gets broken and healed. Steve — all is forgiven from the embarrassment known as "Cheaper by the Dozen 2." Just stick to terrific films like "Shopgirl," and you can do no wrong. (R: Sex and language) 1 hour and 44 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: N/A

Teens: 2½ stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 3 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — a charming 'chick flick' that most guys will also enjoy.

THE WHITE COUNTESS

This film held such promise for me: an interesting cast with an intriguing plot — international castoffs creating a new world for themselves in the turbulent setting of 1930s China. Unfortunately, this tepid political love story never lived up to the promise, and all I was left with was a sore bottom from the long running time. Ralph Fiennes as the blind American ex-diplomat turned barkeep with Natasha Richardson as his deposed Russian countess turned hostess do admirable work, but the script lets them down as they drift about in a meandering screenplay. Made by the famed Merchant/Ivory team that seems to gravitate toward period films chock full of yearning and suffering, this DVD had some interesting moments, but not enough to justify \$4 for a rental. (PG-13: Violence) 2 hours and 18 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2 stars

Kids: N/A

Teens: 1 star

Adults: 2 stars

Seniors: 2½ stars

Should you rent it? No — Rent "The English Patient" instead.

STORYWATCHERS CLUB: ADVENTURES IN STORYTELLING

This is not your typical kids DVD, which is one of the reasons it is so appealing. Instead of quick-cut animation or live-action films with kabuki-like elaborateness, this DVD takes storytelling back to its roots. In "StoryWatchers," actors are filmed simply standing on a stage telling wonderfully vivid tales using — brace yourself — words. On a recent car trip, we put this disc in our portable DVD player and my 6-year-old son was mesmerized by the rich stories. It was as if I were reading him a story — one of our favorite activities in the Alderman house. My 2-year-old daughter, however, wasn't able to follow the story, and quickly became bored. I'll keep working her. (Not rated, but appropriate for children 4 and older) 45 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: 3½ stars

Teens: ½ star

Adults: 2½ stars

Seniors: 3 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — High-quality entertainment for children age 4-8.

J.B. Alderman lives in Piedmont and can be reached at jason@alderman.net or via www.PhDVD.com.

Have music, will travel

■ East Bay singer creates buzz with globe-hopping style

By Andrew Gilbert
CORRESPONDENT

GOAPELE WANTS to keep you guessing. Ever since the Oakland-raised vocalist made a splash in 2001 with her serene, self-produced minialbum "Closer," the socially conscious soul singer has been hailed as an important new voice.

With its mix of smooth grooves and sensuous vocals, "Even Closer," an expanded version of the debut CD released on her family-financed Skyblaze label, won Goapele (pronounced GWA-pa-lay) a coterie of powerful supporters, including Prince, Magic Johnson, Stevie Wonder, the Roots and Talib Kweli. The title track rose to the top of radio playlists in San Francisco; Los Angeles; Washington, D.C.; and Detroit, among other markets, making her a force in the rootsy R&B movement known as neo-soul.

But the release last year of the CD "Change It All" did, indeed, change everything. With influences ranging from Pink Floyd to Sade, the album made it clear that Goapele is not so much a soul singer as an artist who is eager to go wherever her ears take her.

"As my perspective keeps changing and I see and experience more, it influences my music and where I'm willing to go," said Goapele Mohlabane, who will play at Oakland's venerable jazz club Yoshi's from through Sunday. The singer performs under her given name, which means "to move forward" in the South African language Tswana.

"I've always loved soul and jazz and blues and hip-hop, but with 'Change It All,' I started listening to more old funk, old rock and alternative music, just really dropping my assumptions about what my style is," she said. "This album is a little different, but it was freeing for me."

At 29, Goapele is a striking woman, with a model's high-cut cheekbones and luminous brown eyes. Unaffected and quick to laugh, she comes to music through her family's commitment to social justice. Her mother is the child of German Jews who fled the Nazis, and her father is South African. They met in Kenya, where she was helping start a school program and he was training with the African National Congress, a frontline organization in the fight against apartheid.

While much of her material explores familiar singer/songwriter tropes of love and relationships, Goapele's songs also reflect her belief that music can be a transformative agent. The melodic title track, built on an unadorned piano riff, makes a compelling case for activism's power to heal festering ills, locally and globally. Goapele and Skyblaze have launched a Web



OAKLAND-RAISED SINGER Goapele is proud to bring her music to Yoshi's, a venue she greatly admires, this week.

CONCERT PREVIEW

■ **WHO:** Goapele

■ **WHEN:** 8 and 10 p.m. today and Saturday; 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday

■ **WHERE:** Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland

■ **HOW MUCH:** All shows sold out

■ **CONTACT:** 510-238-9200, www.yoshis.com

site, www.changeitall.org, that provides a forum for discussion on such issues as connecting the dots between hip-hop's love of bling and the role that the "blood" diamond trade plays in supporting brutal militias in Sierra Leone.

New collaborators

In looking to expand her sound on "Change It All," Goapele sought out a new cast of collaborators. She brought in the production team Sa-Ra Creative Partners, who have worked with Jill Scott and Bilal; the Bay Area hip-hop producer Bedrock, best known for his work with Vallejo rap star E-40; and Linda Perry, the former Four Non-Blondes frontwoman whose second career as a first-call producer includes hits with Pink and Christina Aguilera. Goapele and Perry came together to create the album's most surprising track, "Darker Side of the Moon," a luscious progressive rock anthem that closes the album.

With a national distribution deal with Sony, Goapele seems well on her way to gaining real national stature, a heartening sign that hustling artists can build a national reputation without leaving the Bay Area. But she didn't plan on launching her career at home. After graduating from Oakland's Skyline High School, Goapele made her way to Boston, where she spent three semesters studying at Berklee College of Music. She intended to pursue her career in Los Angeles or New York, but during a quick trip back home she found herself quickly immersed in the local scene.

"Time just passed while I was trying to figure it all out,"

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Magnes exhibit reflects more than just art

WHAT DOES IT MEAN to be a Jewish artist in America? That's the question Berkeley's Magnes Museum both asks and answers in a stunning exhibit that conveys all the vitality, inventiveness and social concerns of American art in the first half of the 20th century.

"My America: Art from the Jewish Museum Collection" swept into the Magnes from New York this month for its first West Coast showing. The 53 paintings, etchings, drawings, photographs and sculpture fill the walls of the museum with color and dynamic action.

The paintings alone, by such artists as Ben Shahn, Morris Louis and Robert Motherwell, make this an enticing show, spanning any cultural barriers. "My America" is a must-see exhibit for anyone interested in American art, history or the struggle for social justice.

Karen Levitov, the Jewish Museum's associate curator, says in her notes to the exhibit that the waves of immigration from Eastern Europe beginning in the 1880s changed the dynamic of America's Jewish community. In a changing American art world, these

artists had both opportunities and challenges.

Jewish artists sometimes confronted static or antagonistic notions of American culture, she says, with innovative techniques and subjects and their involvement in social and intellectual movements. "Just as American art shaped Jewish artists," she says, "they shaped the expanding scope of American art."

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In the Galleries

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RAPHAEL SOYER'S "Dancing Lesson," 1926, depicts his brother and sister dancing while their parents look on quizzically. The artwork is part of an exhibit at Berkeley's Magnes Museum.

Filmmaker examines life of gay parents

By Jennifer...

For a few years now, and Jenna Frazer, the newborn in her arms, carried for years. They were boys' small feet, moist eyes and delicate hands. The go home with Paul. More than for nine or 10 months, the couples have waited after scouring through applications for potential surrogates, relying on the science, one couple's child has been with others with the same. Through it all, Jennifer's camera has been there.

The 40-year-old filmmaker is making capturing moments these. Symon's struggles of four gay men and women sought to adopt the newest film, "Boynton: Men Having Fun," documents the unpredictable and exhausting surrogacy in the process.

It specifically features Francisco residents Bruce, who are having a child through surrogacy, and wishes to experience of two who loved her and Jennifer's partner is also trying to get.

The documentary screens June 24 as part of Frameline's International LGBT is an intelligent and that isn't merely focusing on multiple and taking an open-minded and unfettered fertility, gay rights and parenting. Symon to embrace and educate audience about the realities of life and definition of family.

Q: How did you find the families that you...

A: I connected through a surrogate in Angeles. I was initially constellated low over a long period through the whole family wanted, particularly to be local to the Bay. I could do a lot of living with them and for all the steps along the way. At Jennifer, the surrogate in the Bay Area, and Q: How were you access into their lives?

What was that experience for you?

A: I think that myself, a gay parent of the main subject was really helpful. I was a lot of mutual to see my previous "Papa," which was about gay parents. Subjects feel that they to me. It was very for me to witness a very different family-forming process.

Q: What are your views or opinions on you explore in your do you think about...

A: I started out really curious about partly because it was different than the route becoming a parent. I see how it would be learned through there's no definition of things always turned people, and a sense of relationships and expectations.

I think all the film are very interesting way, that people are this is going to be things get more complex the way. That's why I think the gay community pay attention in the surge in interest in children. I read nearly third of gay men and children in the next few years. It's a wonderful... a wonderful...

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The 2007 Volkswagen Passat has all the bells and whistles

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

Volkswagen Passat Wagon keeps getting better. Now in its sixth generation, it's completely redesigned and packed and out with nothing left to

The model is loaded with desires that I never expected. My VW aficionado, which is VW's nickname, says the model with a 2.5-liter engine sells for about \$23,000. The base model cost \$33,100 and had a 3.6-liter engine designed to give enjoyment on the Autobahn.

There's the thrill of the Autobahn, which is enjoyable to touch the accelerator and feel the immediate reaction was the result of an engine that has 280 horsepower and 265 lb-ft of torque. Mated to this power is a refined six-speed automatic transmission with Tiptronic and sport mode. In spite of its power, it produces 18 miles per gallon on highway.

The engine isn't the only lure. The paint on my tester is called Silver and immediately attracted my eye. Fact is, the entire over-the-shoulder eye-appeal. The designers did a lot of eye-appeal with the VW medallion on the grille, active high-tech bi-xenon headlights were drawn down the sides and on close inspection I saw the precision-welded seams and overall appearance of strength. The Passat has grown a bit compared to the previous model with a slightly longer wheelbase and a slightly longer body. Both the overall length and width increased about 3 inches. This more interior roominess, which is a many lures of the interior. Watch my eye were the leather-trimmed quality wood trim around the gear shift. It made me want to get behind the wheel and get going. I discovered the driver's seat had 10-way power lumbar support. I also



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THE SIXTH GENERATION
Volkswagen Passat Wagon is completely redesigned and restyled inside.

KEANE ON WHEELS

discovered it had a six-disc CD changer with in-dash MP3 readable sound system, plus satellite radio.

Once underway, I was not disappointed. This car was rock solid and responded precisely to each turn of wheel. It is well balanced and a pleasure to drive. I spent a couple of hours giving it a workout and still couldn't get enough of it. The instrumentations are very clear and all the controls easy to operate.

It was when I stopped and checked out the other features that I discovered how versatile this wagon is. The rear seatbacks can be lowered in three sections to provide various ways to carry additional cargo, much more cargo than could be carried in any five-passenger sedan.

I was surprised when I began investigating the additional features such as rain

PASSAT WAGON 4MOTION

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, all-wheel drive midsize wagon
Suggested Retail	\$33,100
Price As Tested	\$36,780
Engine Type	Six cylinder DOHC w/SMPFI
Horsepower	280 @ 6,200 rpm
Torque	265 @ 2,750 rpm
Transmission	Six-speed automatic
Wheelbase	107 inches
Height	55 inches
Curb Weight	3,953 pounds
Fuel Capacity	18 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 18/26

sensor with automatic wiper controls and heatable anti-fog exterior mirrors. It also has LED taillights, plus daytime running lights. I learned it has automatic brake-disc wipers, plus electro-mechanical steering. While investigating, the VW people

told me of Passat's safety features. This wagon is made of high-strength steel bars to prevent intrusion. Should the Passat be hit by another vehicle there are numerous airbags throughout the interior to safeguard against head injury. It even has

a deformable steering wheel on impact. It also has the LATCH system for children, tire pressure monitoring and three rear height-adjustable headrests.

Bottom line: I wouldn't want to be a VW designer or engineer working on the seventh generation; there's no way to improve on this one.

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Chrysler Imperial that never resonated with public now turns head

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

Back when the Chrysler Corp. and Lee Iacocca were introducing American drivers to front-wheel drive American-built cars, someone had the brilliant idea that a new rear-wheel drive flagship model was needed.

The Imperial nameplate was revived and for three years, starting in 1981, a handsome, fully loaded luxury automobile a couple of inches shy of 18 feet long was manufactured. Despite being a fine car both mechanically and stylistically, it never caught the fancy of the driving public.

A sea foam-green 1981 Chrysler Imperial with a stylish bustle back design accented with black pinstripes was sold to a Chesterfield

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County, Va., man. The Imperial had a base price of \$18,311 and was upholstered in matching green crushed velour. The owner kept it garaged and well maintained for 25 years as evidenced by the car's condition in 2006.

The heavy (3,968 pounds) coupe rides on a 112.7-inch wheelbase and can be turned around in a 44-foot circle. The 318-cubic-inch V8 engine develops 140 horsepower, which is transferred to the rear drive wheels via a TorqueFlite automatic transmission. Stopping chores are handled by the front disc and rear drum brakes.

One of the selling points of the

luxurious Imperial a quarter century ago, believe it or not, was the 32 percent lead crystal ornament gracing the leading edge of the engine hood. That and the buyer's choice of 12 colors.

After 25 years the original owner decided to find a good home for his Imperial and ran an advertisement in an auto trader publication where it arrested the attention of Ryland Tedeton.

Tedeton is a Mopar man to the bone and knew a gem when he saw one. "I had never owned an Imperial before," he says. The sleek automobile was only about 75 miles from his home so he motored down to inspect it, as well as see if it was as advertised. It was and sold on the spot. He left a deposit and told the owner he

would return to get the car.

The next nice day came last April and Tedeton's brother, Tim, drove him to retrieve the car. On the 75-mile trip home the car performed flawlessly. To be on the safe side, before heading for home, Tedeton changed the oil and filter. He noticed that the original owner must have experienced difficulty with the fuel-injection system because the fuel injectors had been replaced with a Holley four-barrel carburetor.

Tedeton is a fan of the 60/40 split luxurious cloth seats. "I like them a lot better than leather," he says. The original headliner was beginning to droop, so Tedeton had a new one installed.

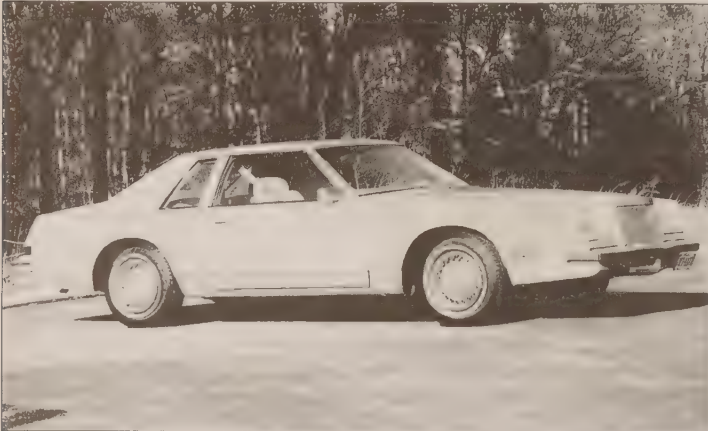
The only optional extra available on the well-equipped car was a sunroof. Standard equipment on the

car includes power seats, power brakes, power mirrors, cruise control, power steering, power windows, air conditioning, power defogger, electric antenna, AM/FM cassette, electric antenna, power door locks, tilt steering wheel, and his & her ashtrays. In such a fully equipped car, Tedeton says one thing is missing. "There are no cup holders," he says.

The crystal ornament on the engine hood is duplicated in the center of the horn button on the leather-wrapped steering wheel. Under the dashboard on the passenger's side, the upholstered kick panel has a built-in litterbin that is easily removed and replaced.

For a 5.2-liter V8 engine, Tedeton says, "It doesn't have a lot of power." The Imperial is courteous

if nothing else. Considered to be found almost everywhere. "There is a lot of it out there," Tedeton says. Occasionally he finds a daily errand. "I have away from even today," he says. With the hood at one end and the rear the other, Tedeton says, "I go to the car quite a few times over I go to the car. For your car, subject of the column, send a view, plus brief number to view. Only photos of cars considered.



RYLAND TEDETON'S SEA FOAM-GREEN 1981 Chrysler Imperial, with a stylish bustle back design accented with black pinstripes, had a base price of \$18,311 and was upholstered in green crushed velour.



Finding the source of gas evaporation should be done by pro

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: My son owns a 1999 Saab 9-5 turbocharged four-cylinder with 92,000 miles. The car has a problem with gasoline evaporation from the fuel tank. The gas tank is plastic and I do not see any signs of leaks. What are your thoughts? — Paul

Dear Paul: Today's cars have very tight fuel systems. There are many valves and hoses that connect from the gas tank to the evaporative system. We use a smoke machine to look for problem areas dealing with fuel system concerns like yours. Unless you find a qualified technician who has knowledge of the Saab, your best bet is the Saab dealer.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2001 Dodge Van 1500 with 26,000 miles. When I start it, drive it a mile and put it in park, I hear a knocking sound coming from the engine area. The noise goes away after an hour of driving. Any ideas? — Al

Dear Al: Knocking sounds from engines and pulleys are often heard when the engine is cold. There are a variety of areas that can cause knocking sounds. You will need to bring the van to a shop so they can actually pinpoint the source of the knocking sound.

Dear Doctor: My daughter has left the country for a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps. She owns a 1998 Chrysler Sebring, which will be kept in the garage. What are your suggestions for long-term storage? Should I remove the battery or trickle charge the battery? What about the tires and suspension? Should I keep the car registered and drive it weekly? — Jim

Dear Jim: Long-term car storage needs to be taken very seriously. It starts with fluid replace-

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ment, such as brake, power steering, transmission, oil and filter, coolant, and gasoline treatment. These steps are critical to proper storage. It is also advised to pump the tire pressure up to the maximum air pressure listed on the outside of the tires. Other concerns are all the seals, gaskets, rubber belts and hoses, not to mention the tires drying out. If it were my daughter's car, I would either sell it or drive it weekly if at all possible.

Dear Doctor: I bought my 18-year-old daughter a new 2005 Chevrolet Cobalt that has been nothing but problems. The engine will stall out when making a left or right turn, especially at intersections. She has had four near-miss accidents. I have brought the car back to the dealer and they have not been able to find the problem. This is a safety hazard. What can we do? — Lucille

Dear Lucille: This is a first for this stalling complaint. I would check with the dealer and the state for a lemon law buy-back. The dealer has a number of attempts to correct the problem within a certain amount of time and days out-of-service.

Dear Doctor: I recently purchased a 1997 Honda Accord with only 60,000 miles. The car had a louder than normal exhaust tone. The shop said it had a cheap replacement muffler. The engine also used a quart of oil on a recent 200-mile trip. Can the exhaust fail in this car so soon and what about the use of engine oil? — Bill

Dear Bill: You have to remember the car had low mileage for the 1997 model year. This can present

two problems. First, the water buildup in the exhaust caused the exhaust to rot from the inside out; second, the piston rings could be carboned-up as well. The cheap exhaust replacement is an easy fix with a factory replacement part. The oil consumption should be checked. I would check the ventilation system first. I would also use a decarbon treatment (the kind that

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Just three years after its introduction in mid-2003, the Nissan Quest minivan has undergone a major transformation for the 2007 model year — complete with a redesigned interior, refined exterior appearance, and an array of new available features including Bluetooth hands-free phone, an in-dash CD6 with MP3

Nissan has always been high on performance, but if you aren't satis-

fied with their standard offerings, there's NISMO. It's a trade name for a product offering from Nissan for a wide array of parts to improve the performance of the cars and trucks in their standard lineup. High-performance parts can be purchased at any Nissan dealership, and the best news is that most are covered by your vehicle's standard warranty.

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NISSAN IS OFFERING ANOTHER ATTRIBUTE to the Altima lineup — better fuel economy from a state-of-the-art hybrid gasoline-electric powertrain.



THE VERSA IS NOW the smallest Nissan, but still offers seating for five occupants.

MICHELLE KREBS
EDITOR MATTERS

Yet Michelin forged ahead boldly modernizing the company in what was perceived as a humane manner. In the meantime, the Michelin company also expanded its restau-

Michelin's death will be mourned as well at the upcoming Challenge Bibendum. I will miss his presence there, and I wonder if the company will continue the event that was so much Edouard Michelin.



MICHELIN AT THE Challenge Bibendum held in
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Map showing location of Hayward Chrysler Jeep near Highway 880 and Highway 920.

Doctor

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goes directly in the cylinders) to help remove the carbon on the piston rings. Leave this service to a professional technician.

Dear Doctor: I am the owner of a 1995 Toyota Camry four-cylinder with 180,000 miles. The car has a rough idle in drive. In neutral it is hardly noticeable. I have had the engine mounts replaced, a full tune-up and the computer checked for trouble codes. Do you have any suggestions? — Louis

Dear Louis: When any vehicle has a rough idle it is usually a sign of one cylinder not contributing like

the others. This can be caused from a mechanical condition, such as valve or piston camshaft. There could be a vacuum leak, not fully seated EGR valve or dirty spray pattern fuel injector. Have a qualified technician perform an engine performance test. This should help him find the problem area.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Honda minivan purchased new. The anti-lock brake light comes on and this has been an ongoing problem since the purchase. The dealer has never been able to find the problem. Do you have any suggestions? — Joseph

Dear Joseph: Unless you have documents from the time you purchased the vehicle, you will be on your own for the repair. Whenever

there is a trouble fault light, the computer should retain the failure information in memory for a certain amount of time. Any good repair shop should be able to retrieve trouble fault codes.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

Be kind to your
auto. Check the
oil and tires the
next time you
gas up.

Stay cool in a highway work zone

KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

A road work zone can pose any number of safety risk to drivers and workers in the area. So, it is in everyone's best interest to follow and take seriously work zone safety. Here's a few driving tips to follow when moving through a work zone.

■ Keep on your toes for the unexpected when approaching a road work zone. Normal speed limits may drop and traffic lanes may change or disappear due to closure.

■ Ease up on the gas pedal. Speeding is a key reason behind work zone crashes.

■ Maintain a safe distance be-

tween your car and the car ahead of you. Tailgating can end up a rear end collision. Also, keep a safe distance away from construction workers and their equipment.

■ Heed all warning signs. They are there to help guide you and other drivers safely through the work zone. One of the last signs in a work zone usually indicates when you've left the work zone.

■ Obey road crew flaggers that keep traffic moving at a safe speed through a work zone.

■ Keep your focus on the work zone road and minimize distractions, such as using a cell phone

or flipping through the radio while driving.

■ Keep pace with traffic flow and avoid weaving in and out of lanes as soon as possible. Stay patient and wait for the closure and merge.

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Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

WEEKLY SALES

ALAMEDA

713 Baywood Rd - \$690,000
1333 Broadway - \$539,000
1182 Brown St - \$656,000
1165 C. Del Valle - \$518,000
5 Christensen Ct - \$665,000
1130 Fontana Dr - \$515,000
1718 Lafayette St - \$689,000
1089 Melrose Av - \$610,000
2170 Pacific Av - \$600,000
2101 Shoreline 433 - \$435,000
152 Stanbridge Ln - \$885,000
151 Tynebourne Pl - \$872,500
1139 Verdmar Dr - \$531,000
2430 Webb Av - \$629,000

ALBANY

708 Adams St - \$556,000
716 Gateview Av - \$935,000
796 Hillside Av - \$1,040,000
453 Jackson St A2 - \$560,000
419 Kains Av - \$562,000
535 Pierce St 2311 - \$430,000
1039 Pomona Av - \$870,000
711 San Carlos Av - \$803,000
714 Solano Av - \$440,000
1052 Ventura Av - \$650,000

BERKELEY

1604 Allston Wy - \$560,000
1060 Grizzly Peak Bl - \$800,000
1201 Grizzly Peak Bl - \$625,000
3125 King St - \$953,000
2 Panoramic 304 - \$521,000
852 Peralta Av - \$656,000
2815 Piedmont - \$1,400,000
879 Regal Rd - \$1,060,000
2104 Sacramento St - \$650,000
702 Spruce St - \$1,350,000
2615 Telegraph 402 - \$555,000
2615 Telegraph 404 - \$505,000
2323 West St - \$649,000

EL CERRITO

1440 Elm St - \$555,000
6724 Hagen Bl - \$750,000
1751 Liberty St 204 - \$405,000
1336 Richmond St - \$559,000
2523 Tamalpais Av - \$930,000

EL SOBRANTE

361 Joan Vista St - \$316,000
1031 St. Andrews Dr - \$535,000

EMERYVILLE

1501 Brunswick Ln - \$683,000
1517 Brunswick Ln - \$475,500
1521 Brunswick Ln - \$480,000
1523 Brunswick Ln - \$650,500
1535 Brunswick Ln - \$534,000
6363 Christie 904 - \$425,000
84 Emery Bay Dr - \$479,000
5907 Vallejo St B - \$595,000

KENSINGTON

57 Kenyon Av - \$870,000
224 Willamette Av - \$836,000

OAKLAND

1669 12th St - \$525,000
1541 23rd Av - \$820,000
686 32nd St - \$525,000
717 32nd St - \$495,000
1606 50th Av - \$565,000
2111 51st Av - \$372,000
840 54th St - \$890,000
835 60th St - \$680,000
2454 66th Av - \$450,000
1459 74th Av - \$330,000
1028 85th Av - \$475,000
2300 86th Av - \$455,000
1047 88th Av - \$344,000
1327 96th Av - \$250,000
3311 Adeline - \$570,000
5464 Bancroft - \$550,000
3815 Bayo St - \$711,000
2946 Bona St - \$612,000
6845 Bristol Dr - \$385,000
3159 Brookdale - \$455,000
12960 Brookpark - \$1,875,000
2707 C. Lenada - \$1,518,000
645 Canyon Oaks C - \$452,000
645 Canyon Oaks F - \$441,000
645 Canyon Oaks H - \$461,000
5601 Castle Dr - \$925,000
337 Channel Wy - \$701,000
416 Clara St - \$417,500
6045 Claremont - \$869,000
5829 Colby - \$1,020,000
5561 Country Club - \$1,675,000
9331 D St - \$369,000
10512 Dante Av - \$549,000
7500 Dearwood Av - \$500,000
4327 Detroit Av - \$836,000
8048 Earl St - \$570,000
541 East 17th St - \$550,000
6321 East 17th St - \$380,000
660 E. Canyon Oaks - \$461,000
1334 El Centro Av - \$695,000
4135 Emerald St - \$676,000
77 Fairmount Av 101 - \$299,000
77 Fairmount Av 105 - \$288,500
5206 Foothill Bl - \$560,000
3983 Forest Hill - \$700,000
801 Franklin 1220 - \$444,000
2958 Georgia St - \$440,000
3090 Glascock 109 - \$461,000
3090 Glascock 206 - \$512,500
6657 Gunn Dr - \$860,000
6935 Halliday Av - \$405,000
2315 Harrington Av - \$450,000
2699 Haverhill Dr - \$910,000
6601 Heather Ridge - \$850,000
7426 Holly St - \$409,000
3120 Hood St - \$860,000
3877 Howe 201 - \$309,000
8323 Iris St - \$500,000
555 Jean St 519 - \$372,500
3308 Laguna Wy - \$500,000
1515 Linden St - \$435,000
2917 MacArthur 1F - \$360,000
133 Maiden Ln - \$705,000

2933 McClure 4 - \$330,000
530 Montclair Av - \$650,000
9460 Mountain Bl - \$890,000
4521 N. Pl. Valley Ct - \$605,000
6015 Old Quarry Lp - \$787,500
6019 Old Quarry Lp - \$650,000
6021 Old Quarry Lp - \$796,500
2521 Oliver Av - \$428,000
407 Orange 311 - \$328,000
631 Polier St - \$755,000
591 Radnor Rd - \$949,000
3815 Ruby St - \$580,000
4211 Santa Rita St - \$275,000
4401 Sequoyah - \$1,250,000
196 Sheridan Rd - \$1,290,000
1038 Stanford Av - \$462,000
9228 Sunnyside St - \$530,000
10636 Topanga Dr - \$450,000
360 Vernon St 305 - \$375,000
6281 Westover Dr - \$673,000
8139 Winthrop St - \$350,000
270 Wistar Rd - \$453,000

PIEDMONT

314 Jerome Av - \$1,200,000
431 Pala Av - \$1,230,000
180 Sandringham - \$2,000,000

RICHMOND

36 29th St - \$450,000
624 35th St - \$489,000
912 37th St - \$397,000
530 43rd St - \$489,000
924 7th St - \$275,000
747 9th St - \$325,000
1501 Aqua Vista - \$475,000
140 Bayside 387 - \$437,500
3060 Belfast Wy - \$625,000
1201 Brickyard 218 - \$775,000
2319 Brooks Av - \$432,000
1101 Brookside Av - \$435,000
1636 Carlson Bl - \$407,000
2103 Carlson Bl - \$785,000
5436 Columbia Av - \$431,000
2343 Dowher Av - \$493,500
5733 Fresno Av - \$510,000
2361 Homestead - \$600,000
5528 Horizon Dr - \$825,000
604 Key Bl - \$540,000
181 Lakeshore Ct - \$302,000
2361 Lowell Av - \$465,000
126 Marina Lakes 125 - \$404,000
170 Marina Lakes 169 - \$420,000
1516 Merced St - \$575,000
3762 Northridge Dr - \$420,000
3010 O'Brien Dr - \$556,000
1625 Ohio Av - \$600,000
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4410 Ohio Av - \$440,000
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159 Shoreline Ct - \$333,500
97 Shoreline Ct - \$378,000
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500 South 30th St C - \$720,000

505 South 49th St - \$580,000
245 South 9th St - \$365,000
5408 Stony Ct - \$560,000
1829 Virginia Av - \$300,000
5505 Vista Ct - \$819,500
421 Willard Av - \$99,000
1102 Yarrow Pl - \$715,000

SAN LEANDRO

1744 141st Av - \$545,000
1009 Bancroft Av - \$715,000
934 Begier Av - \$569,000
1101 Camellia Ct - \$710,000
1017 Castle St - \$620,000
14792 Crosby St - \$555,000
14101 E. 14th St 208 - \$317,000
276 Estabrook 11 - \$467,500
2340 Fairway Dr - \$392,000
3638 Figueroa Dr - \$580,000
15207 Hardin St - \$500,000
15232 Inverness St - \$555,000
1340 Margery Av - \$550,000
14683 Midland Rd - \$555,000
1340 Pearson Av - \$643,000
14744 Saturn Dr - \$860,500
612 Sterling Dr 66 - \$405,000
1470 Thrush Av 20 - \$379,500
1975 Trombas Av - \$525,000
2077 Washington 114 - \$270,000
15335 Washington 203 - \$370,000
2229 Woodduck - \$680,000

SAN LORENZO

859 Delano St - \$628,000
686 Paseo Del Rio - \$555,000
16082 Via Alamitos - \$575,000
118 Via Bolso - \$580,000
1546 Via Rancho - \$570,000
15701 Via Represa - \$595,000
17791 Via Valencia - \$560,000
17547 Wickman Pl - \$410,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$435,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$885,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$629,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$631,036

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$430,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,040,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$684,600

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$505,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,400,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$791,077

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$405,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$930,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$559,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$639,800

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$316,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$535,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$425,500

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$425,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$683,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$534,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$540,250

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$836,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$870,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$853,000

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 30
LOWEST PRICE: \$430,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,040,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$684,600

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$430,000
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RICHMOND
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SAN LEANDRO
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SAN LORENZO
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SAN PABLO
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$430,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,040,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$684,600

SAN RAMON
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$430,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,040,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$684,600

SAN JOSE
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$430,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,040,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$684,600

SAN FRANCISCO
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$430,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,040,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$684,600

SAN CARLOS
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$430,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,040,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$684,600

SAN MATEO
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$430,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,040,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$684,600

SAN GABRIEL
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$430,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,040,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$684,600

SAN JUAN
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$430,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,040,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$684,600

SAN ANTONIO
TOTAL SALES: 10
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MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$684,600

SAN DIEGO
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$430,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,040,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$684,600

SAN JOSE
TOTAL SALES: 10
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MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
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Public Notice

Honda of El Cerrito Must Have An Inventory Sales Event

EL CERRITO, CA - Over the next several weeks, Honda of El Cerrito will be receiving substantial allotments of new 2006 Hondas. In order to ensure that there is sufficient room for these impending shipments from American Honda Motor Company, Honda of El Cerrito must sell a significant portion of their existing inventory.

Due to this limited storage capacity, Honda of El Cerrito plans to reduce prices on all current new 2006 Hondas in stock. According to Roy Montana, General Sales Manager at Honda of El Cerrito, "This is an outstanding opportunity for people who are considering buying a new 2006 Honda. At this time last year, we ran into the same circumstances, and had to make room for the vehicles we ordered from Honda. Therefore, we decided to sell every new 2006 Honda in stock at drastically reduced prices."

"This inventory sales event is not limited to a few vehicles - every new 2006 Accord, Civic, Element, CR-V, Odyssey minivan, Pilot SUV, & Ridgeline will be reduced for immediate sale," said Montana.

"When we ran this inventory sales event last June, our customers

response was overwhelmingly positive. They told us that we made the car buying experience very easy. No muss. No fuss. The transaction was simple. When you call our special inventory hotline at 888-318-4000 or stop by the dealership and inquire about the

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This is also a special time to get the best value for your trade in. Due to the intense hurricane season in the southeast, high quality used cars are at a very low level. To help with the purchase of any new 2006 Honda, Honda of El Cerrito will provide the highest trade in value the market will bear on your current vehicle, even if you are not in the market for a new vehicle.

Honda of El Cerrito is located at 11755 San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito. Just minutes from the Bay Bridge, off the Potrero Road exit on the 80 Freeway call us at 888-318-4000 or log on to www.hondaelcerrito.com.



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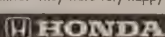


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The top wheels for summer trips

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It's summer and time for the annual road trip.

Most of us have to make do with our everyday vehicle for the trip, whether it's well suited to a long highway jaunt or not. Some of us will rent a special vehicle just for the trip, and still others might go out and buy that new SUV, pickup, sports car or minivan that we've been wanting, just in time for the summer fun run.

I've made quite a few road trips myself, being both an explorer and a driving enthusiast, and I've had some fun vehicles over the years to make these trips. My first venture to the West from my then-home in Tennessee was with my older daughter, brother, sister and my sister's three kids in a 1975 Volkswagen Bus.

I had this and other such trips in mind when I checked out Kelley Blue Book's recent kbb.com Web site posting of the Top 10 Road Trip Vehicles for 2006.

The company said its road-test editors chose 10 vehicles they thought would be well suited for road trips, and it then asked visitors to the Web site to vote on which of those they would most like

to take on a journey this summer.

The 2006 Range Rover Sport was the top choice of the voters. While my list of Top 10 road-trip vehicles would differ a bit from Kelley's, I can't argue with putting the Range Rover on the list.

It's not cheap, though. The Sport begins at \$57,000 for the normally aspirated version and \$70,000 for the supercharged model. But it has an awesome full-time four-wheel-drive system that can take you just about anywhere you want to go.

So while touring the West, for instance, you could take some serious off-road jaunts in Colorado or Utah. How about Black Bear Road between Ouray and Telluride, Colo., after which you'll want to buy the T-shirt that reads, "You ain't a four-wheeler until you've done the Bear."

Here's the rest of the Kelley list, in order from No. 2 to No. 10 as chosen by the Web site's readers: the Ford Mustang Shelby Cobra GT500; Honda Civic Hybrid sedan; Chevrolet Corvette Z06; Porsche Cayman S; Volvo C70 convertible; Mercedes-Benz R-class crossover utility vehicle; Toyota FJ Cruiser SUV; Pontiac Solstice roadster; and Mazda MX5 Miata roadster.

While I generally agree that all the ones on Kelley's list are good vehicles, some have deficiencies that would preclude me from using them on a cross-country jaunt.

For instance, there is virtually no trunk space in the Solstice, the new little open-top two-seater sold in similar form as the Saturn Sky.

With the top up, the Solstice has a trunk that holds only 3.8 cubic feet of cargo. But with the top down, that space shrinks to almost nothing. Unless you're making the road trip by yourself (boring!) and can put your luggage in the passenger seat, there is no place for it. The Solstice has almost zero storage space in the passenger compartment as well.

The way the trunk lid has to open when you raise or lower the top pretty much precludes installing a luggage rack on top, the way those guys did with their Corvette on "Route 66," the ultimate road trip TV series from the early 1960s.

The Miata, which has been completely redesigned for 2006, still has a rather small trunk — 5.3 cubic feet — but it's not all taken up by the convertible top. It can hold a couple of small suitcases. Two-seaters such as these, as

well as the Corvette Z06 and Cayman S on the Kelley list, allow you to bring only one other person with you. That's great if you're planning to make the trip with just a spouse/significant other or friend. But if you have kids or grandkids (like I do), then two-seaters aren't for you.

Still, the 'Vette would be a fun choice for two people, and this one even has a roomy cargo area — unlike the one on "Route 66."

Even the base Corvette, which was completely redesigned last year, would be fine for a long road trip for two. It comes in coupe and convertible forms. The coupe model has 22 cubic feet of cargo space. The convertible has 11 with the top up and 5 with the top down. The Z06, available only in coupe form, probably would be great fun, as long as you didn't run afoul of the traffic police and find yourself in a county jail and your car in an impound lot.

Under the hood is a 500-horsepower V8 that can propel the car from zero to 60 mph in just under four seconds. Top speed is about 195 mph.

I don't recommend trying that on any public highway.

Porsche's new Cayman S is based on the chassis of the entry-level Boxster model and might be a fun trip vehicle. It's a hatchback with 14.1 cubic feet of cargo space. The price is about \$60,000,

though, and you're still limited to two people.

The better choice among the Porsche lineup for a serious road trip would be the Cayenne, Porsche's outstanding sport utility vehicle.

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On the highway, the Cayenne drives like a sports car, and off-road it's better than the average Jeep. Likewise for the Volkswagen Touareg, which is essentially the same vehicle underneath, but with VW rather than Porsche engines. The VW's prices begin at about \$36,000 for a V6 model.

If economy is on your mind, it probably will be on your summer trip. Gasoline prices were then the compact car about \$23,000, to \$24,000. It's rated at 44 mpg in the city and 51 mpg on the highway. You can load it with three kids and a dog. But for about \$1,000 more you can get the Prius with another five adults and more economy ranges up to the city and 50 on the highway. There are plenty of your road trip for a comfortable, so it's some fun with it.

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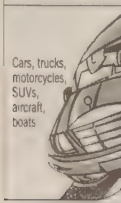
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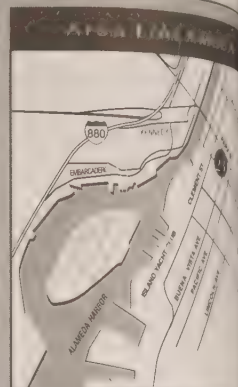
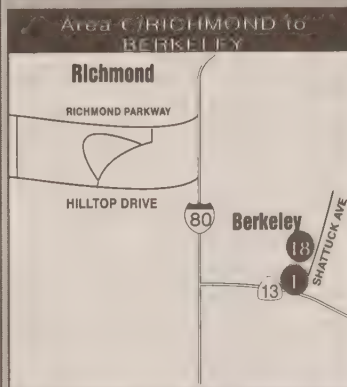
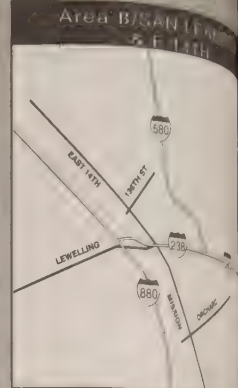
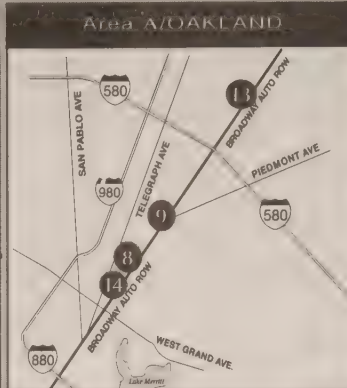
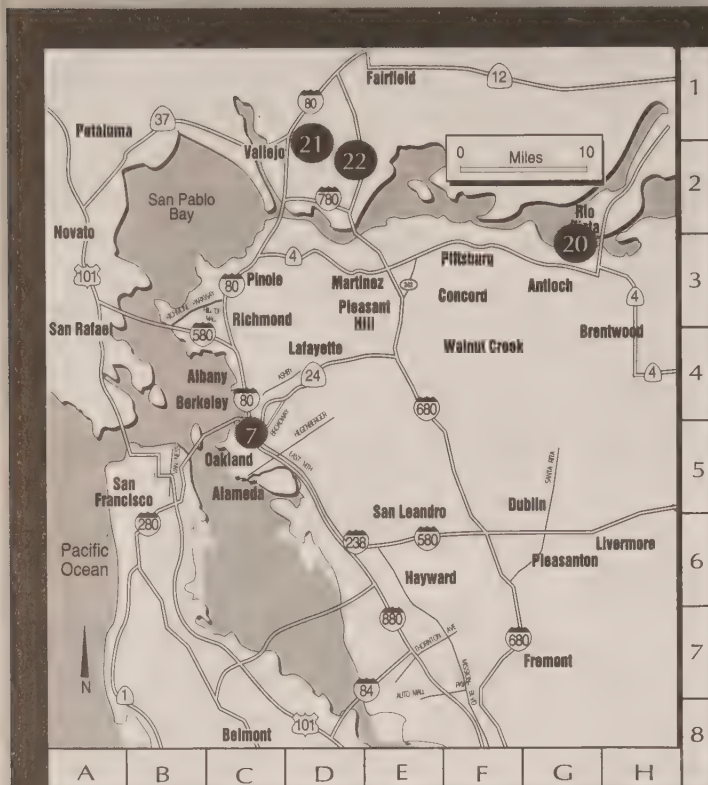
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CHARTING YOUR HEALTH CARE

Regular screenings can help you avoid more serious health problems in the future

BY RHODA FUKUSHIMA
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What you don't know can hurt you. People often wait to get medical attention for symptoms until it's too late. That's why regular screenings are so important, especially if you're at higher risk for certain health problems.

Here's a look at some red flags that could signal later problems with osteoporosis, hypertension, diabetes, and colon, skin and prostate cancer. Remember, health care is about damage control and damage prevention.

OSTEOPOROSIS

Pre-osteoporosis (osteopenia) is characterized by low bone mass. Often, people with osteopenia don't realize they have it until they break a bone, says Dr. Sundee Khosla, professor of medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

In the United States, 34 million people have low bone mass, according to the National Osteoporosis Foundation (10 million people have osteoporosis).

A bone mineral density test tells how far from "normal" the density of your bones are. A score of minus 1 to minus 2.5 indicates low bone mass. A score of minus 2.5 or lower indicates osteoporosis.

Osteopenia is more common in women than men. Women in menopause, or who have a family history are at greater risk, as are Caucasians, Asians and people with prior fractures. Lifestyle factors also may have a role, including smoking, excessive drinking and taking certain medications for ailments like rheumatoid arthritis, seizure disorders and underactive thyroids.

The cost of screening is not cheap; a standard bone density test can run \$100 to \$200. Unless there are clear risk factors, there's generally no reason to get a bone density test before menopause or age 65 (if you're a man), Khosla says. The Medicare cost (for patients over 65) is about \$150 for a spine and hip scan, which detects abnormalities in the bone. The non-Medicare cost is \$300 to \$400, depending on the institution and part of the country.

Besides avoiding the risky habits that cause bone loss, make sure to get enough exercise, vitamin D and calcium.

HYPERTENSION

Pre-hypertension is an indication you may be headed for high blood pressure. It falls on the continuum between normal and high blood pressure. High blood pressure is one factor — but not the only one — that contributes to increased risk of heart disease, says Dr. Daniel Duprez, professor of medicine in the cardiovascular division at the University of Minnesota. Other factors are high cholesterol and blood sugar. Often, people do not realize they have pre-hypertension.

An estimated 70 million Americans have the condition.

Pre-hypertension is when blood pressure is 120-139/80-89 mm Hg. Normal blood pressure is under 120/under 80 mm Hg. High blood pressure is defined as 140/90 mm Hg or higher. The lower, the better.

People with a family history are at higher risk, as are African-Americans, older people and those with high cholesterol, blood sugar or obesity.

Duprez recommends people start paying attention at age 20 — before they have problems. "Hypertension is the silent killer," he says. "You do not feel anything until your heart starts to fail." People can get their blood pressure tested at a routine visit with their doctor. A global cardiovascular screening (of which blood pressure is a part) is \$1,500 to \$1,600 for people without insurance. For those with insurance, the cost depends on their coverage and co-payment.

Make lifestyle changes, including losing weight, cutting back salt intake, ramping up exercise and quitting smoking.

DIABETES

Pre-diabetes is a condition where the blood sugar is above normal, but has not reached the level for diabetes. It is part of a group of factors — called metabolic syndrome — that put people at risk for developing type II diabetes, says Dr. Richard Bergenstal, executive director of the International Diabetes Center at Park Nicollet in St. Louis Park, Minn. The other factors are high cholesterol, high blood pressure and obesity.

In the United States, 41 million people have pre-diabetes. Twenty-one million people have diabetes. Like pre-hypertension and osteopenia, pre-diabetes is silent, so screening is key.

The formal terms are impaired fasting glucose (IFG) or impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) tests.

People are more at risk if they have a family history (close relatives) of diabetes; are Native American, Asian American, Latino or African-American; have had gestational diabetes; or have high blood pressure, high cholesterol and obesity.

If you have one of the risk factors, get a fasting blood sugar test annually. If you have multiple risk factors, start screening when you're in your 20s.

A simple fasting blood test for glucose, which is all that is needed for the IFG, costs \$10 to \$20. For IGT, you need an oral glucose tolerance test, which runs about \$50.

Eating a healthy diet and getting regular activity really does work, Bergenstal says. "Telling someone to do all these things and you won't get something in five years — it's a tough way to motivate, but it works," he says.

COLON CANCER

Colon cancer is mostly a silent disease, which makes screening so important. Screening picks up polyps (growths of tissue) before they become malignant, says Dr. David Rothenberger, professor of surgery and interim chairman of the department of surgery at the University of Minnesota.

The American Cancer Society estimates 55,000 Americans will die of colorectal cancers this year.

Colonoscopy is the most reliable test. Other tests include the stool blood test, partial exams and barium X-rays. The virtual colonoscopy — which uses CT scanning and computers to reconstruct 3-D images of the colon — is still experimental, but shows promise, Rothenberger says.

Previous personal history of polyps, family history of polyps and colorectal cancer (the closer the relative and younger the age at diagnosis, the greater the risk). Other related cancers and inherited genetic susceptibility also put people at greater risk.

If you're at normal risk, start screening at age 50. If your colonoscopy is normal and of good quality, you're probably good for 10 years before you need another, Rothenberger says. If you're at higher risk, start screening (with a colonoscopy) 10 years before the youngest person in your family was diagnosed. If you have a strong family history group, you may need more frequent screenings.

Eat a healthy, balanced diet that includes plenty of fruits and vegetables. Avoid excessive alcohol. Don't smoke. Stay physically active.

SKIN CANCER

Skin is the largest organ of the body. There are two types of skin cancer: nonmelanoma and melanoma. Basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma are the most common non-melanoma skin cancers and are related to sun exposure, says Dr. Peter Lee, assistant professor of dermatology and director of dermatologic surgery and the laser center at the University of Minnesota Medical Center. Actinic keratosis are precancerous lesions that arise from sun exposure and can develop into squamous cell carcinoma. Malignant melanoma develops from pigment cells.

Basal cell carcinoma is the No. 1 cancer on the body, with an estimated 1.2 million new cases annually. There are an estimated 400,000 new cases of squamous cell carcinoma and 60,000 new cases of melanoma annually.

Doctors visually inspect the skin and order biopsies when necessary. Though many doctors are qualified to examine skin, Lee recommends regular checkups with a dermatologist.

Nonmelanoma: People with significant sun exposure/sunburn, who use tanning booths or have fair skin. Melanoma: People with significant sun exposure/sunburn, are fair-skinned, have moles, a family history (close relatives) or a past history of melanoma. Certain medications for the immune system also put some people at higher risk.

See a doctor if you have skin spots or moles that concern you. People with a family history of melanoma should begin seeing a dermatologist at age 15 to 16, Lee says. Remember, skin damage from sun exposure is cumulative.

Costs for a skin exam vary from free to about \$150. Costs for a biopsy or other treatments range from several hundred to several thousand dollars, depending on the type and extensiveness of the lesion.

Avoid sun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wear protective clothing like a hat with a brim (a baseball cap won't cut it) or tightly meshed shirts (T-shirts have a low sun-protection factor). Wear sunscreen from March to October. The best sunscreen is the physical block sunscreen (with titanium dioxide or zinc oxide). For daily use, use sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or higher — use 30 or higher if you are outside a lot.

PROSTATE CANCER

Biopsies can reveal changes in prostate gland cells — called prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia or atypical small acinar proliferation — which suggest a higher risk of prostate cancer, says Dr. Joel Slaton, associate professor in the department of urologic surgery and member of the Center for Prostate Cancer at the University of Minnesota Medical Center.

About 200,000 American men are diagnosed with prostate cancer annually.

Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) in the blood and digital rectal exams can suggest prostate cancer. Most men's PSA levels are 4 or less. As your PSA increases, so does your risk of developing prostate cancer.

African-Americans are at higher risk, as are people with a direct family member who had prostate cancer.

Men over 50 years old should get the PSA test annually, according to the American Cancer Society. Men at high risk should start getting the test at age 45. A PSA costs \$30 to \$50, and a biopsy runs \$400 to \$500.

Look at PSA as part of an overall men's health screening, particularly screening of the heart, Slaton says. Habits that are good for the heart — such as eating a low-fat diet and getting regular exercise — are probably good for the prostate. Some studies have suggested that certain medications and foods (like tomatoes) may be preventive.

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Kathryn McBride: The one-woman renovation band

BY MARY DANIELS
CHICAGO TRIBUNE/KRT

Kathryn McBride visited the emergency room only once during the three-plus years she single-handedly rehabbed her Queen Anne Victorian home in southwest suburban Brookfield, Ill. And that was because when she was spraying the marble tile in an upstairs bathroom, she ignored the instructions to use the product in a well-ventilated space. Not able to breathe, she ended up in the ER.

No falls from ladders, no broken bones, no gashes from sharp-edged tools — all those hazards women suspect might befall them if they dared this on their own.

Not bad, as "for the most part I did most of it myself, except for work that needed plumbers and electricians," says the first-time DIYer. "One of my brothers helped me put up light fixtures, but that's about it." She taught herself to use power tools — "table saws, miter saws. Every kind of jigsaw. Anything you can imagine," she says.

She stripped and sanded and stained all her kitchen cabinets, put in the granite tile countertops, took down and rebuilt walls, put up paneling, put down floors, redid a 1960s psychedelic bathroom, and designed and created stained glass for cabinet doors and windows.

Today the turreted two-story 12-

In the updated kitchen, a large Tiffany-style lamp McBride bought is the central focus. She created a matching stained-glass piece to go across the top of the kitchen window.

relate to McBride's concern she might not have adequate funds for her daughter Tori's college tuition when the time came. This was why McBride took on what she calls her "second job." She would work all day as a graphic artist, and when she was up in the middle of the night painting, she kept herself going with the inner mantra: "It's for college, it's for college."

"I felt overwhelmed some of the time," she admits. "If I got it done now, I would have done a better job, because I'd have the experience. The hardest part in doing things yourself was holding things like crown molding and nailing it up yourself." That was until she discovered the adhesive product Liquid Nails and bought a nail gun.

Another thing that kept her going: She tacked up pictures from magazines of how she envisioned each room "so I knew where I was going and what I wanted to have done."

When done, she would take down the pictures and move on to the next room. "Every Saturday

Zealand missionaries in her background, which may account for her determined zeal.

She picked a blue and white color theme, using Ralph Lauren Black Watch Navy ("which appealed to my Scottish parts"), and a Behr pure white semigloss for the dining room. The upper third of the walls are a gallery for her Scottish swords and daggers. "I have a thing about honor," she explains.

The oak dining table seats 8 to 10 members of a large family with leaves extended. The doors of a built-in cabinet across one wall are made with stained glass McBride designed and created.

The second room she did was her daughter's. "She was a little unhappy when we moved. She was 10 and a half then," McBride says. "I didn't know what to do. A friend said, 'Do her room.'" That did the trick.

The living room is circular, thanks to the turret. At one end is the original fireplace that McBride didn't want to rip out, so she reclaimed it with porcelain paint. "I think it is important to keep original elements for whoever comes after me," she says.

The entryway of the home now contains floor-to-ceiling bookshelves and introduces the staircase to the second floor. For a window on the landing, McBride made stained glass with the theme of a Maltese cross, an emblem used by the medieval Knights of Malta, a cross whose arms look like arrowheads pointing inward. Each point, she says, represents a different quality of a knight — such as loyalty, generosity, reverence for God.

In the updated kitchen, a large Tiffany-style lamp McBride bought is the central focus. She created a matching stained-glass piece to go across the top of the kitchen window. She modernized the kitchen with a stainless-steel KitchenAid refrigerator, dishwasher and microwave, but kept a large Chambers commercial stove and oven from the 1950s, a hot item among collectors today. She stained the existing kitchen cabinets a dark mahogany.

To start, she made a mosaic tile for the kitchen floor, "nice and fun, but I had to wash it every day," she says. So she ripped it up and had a wood floor put in. ("There's so much trial and error," she says.)

The back of the kitchen, McBride's tool-filled workroom, set up for her stained glass and other projects, stretches across the width of the house.

On the second floor, her blue and white master bedroom is a serene and personal nest ensconced in the turret. She furnished it with the first new bedroom set she's ever bought, a four-poster dark mahogany bed and carved dresser.

Her daughter's bedroom is furnished for an adolescent's taste with bunk beds and huge stripes on the wall, but typical of a teenager, the decor is always in flux. A third bedroom, office and bathroom with a whirlpool tub complete the second floor.

"Now with the equity that this work has brought me, thanks to the growth in housing market prices in addition to my home improvements, I am hopeful that my daughter will be able to attend any college that she would like," says McBride. "It

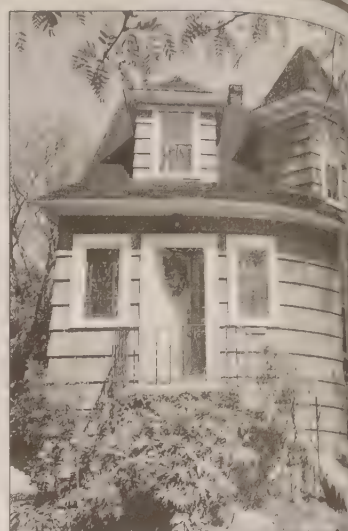
has truly been a blessing, giving us a home we love now, and assuring a bright future for Tori. She can either use the equity in the house or sell it to pay for tuition. "I don't know what the future holds, but one way or another, she can go to school," says McBride.

Steps to becoming a successful DIY'er and other renovation lessons learned by Kathryn McBride:

Watch, watch, watch. "I watch some of them (home-improvement and decorating shows) every Saturday morning to get my creative juices flowing before I head off to the hardware store ... I keep it on, in the background, while I work. It keeps me motivated and focused." She adds that "Trading Spaces," the English version, "Changing Rooms" and "While You Were Out" "give you an idea of what things have to be done to your home and in which order you should tackle your projects."

Take classes. She recommends the many classes at Home Depot and Lowe's stores.

Visualize. "My daughter and I pore through magazines and books. When we find something that we would like to do in a room, we rip the page out of the magazine, or make a copy of the page from a book, and tape it to the wall. The pictures can be of colors that I would like to use, furniture styles, wall or window treatments or furni-



KATHRYN MCBRIDE'S Queen Anne Victorian home in suburban Brookfield, Ill.

ture/accessory placement. I can't walk through a room without being reminded of work that needs to be done. It keeps me focused on completing the room. It took more than three years to take down some of the pictures, but no projects were forgotten."

Surf's up

"Most every question that you might come up with can be answered on the Internet. It might be

the middle of the night, I want to figure out how to change a light switch; someone on the Internet board has probably the same question. The Internet is a great place to find materials or even antique doorknobs and floor plans."

Faves: www.bhg.com (Better Homes & Gardens), www.martha.com (Martha Stewart), www.istockphoto.com and www.istockphoto.com



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VIEW OF THE RENOVATED bathroom through a mirror.

room house with 10-foot ceilings dating to at least 1895 is a lovely and warm gem. The finished interior could be the pride of any interior decorator. She achieved a look that quietly evokes the era of the house, but is warm, comfortable and very livable by today's standards, lacking the clutter and stiff formality of the original. As for the rehabbing, you would never know that crews of professionals with tool belts at their waists had not been working on it for weeks.

That is in contrast to the condition it was in when she bought it. (Her property covers three lots and includes a two-bedroom coach house, a rental, in the back.) The kitchen and bathrooms were functional but outdated. There were myriad layers of old wallpaper and paint requiring months of fierce attack to remove.

Many other single mothers can

morning, I would throw on (TLC's) "Trading Spaces" and those kinds of (home-improvement) shows, and it kept me thinking, what's the next thing to do," she says.

She took on the dining room first. Here she found the walls were done with plastered-over chicken wire, a technique used in the 1940s. That came out, and so did the curved steel beams used for the archway to the living room in order to be able to square off the arch. An antique tapestry she found as wrapping for an antique she bought hangs over the doorway.

In addition to the grunt work, artwork in the house is also hers, from photographs to displays of Scottish scabbards and swords straight out of "Braveheart."

The weaponry is a clue to McBride's Scottish heritage, of which she is proud. There are also a couple of world-traveling New



DURING THE RENOVATION Kathryn McBride (pictured above) tacked up pictures from magazines of how she envisioned each room "so I knew where I was going and what I wanted to have done."

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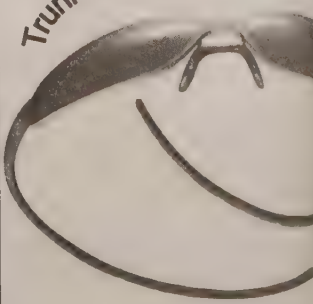
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delights — ice creams, sherbets and
strawberry whips — are painstakingly
described in Nellie Mustain's
1902 book, "Popular Amusements
for In and Out of Doors." The lav-
ish Victorian berry fest was consid-
ered quite the thing, although 21st
century celebrants may wish to omit
the profusion of garden flowers and
intricate strawberry vine decora-
tions.

But the little cakes are simple
enough for children or novice bak-
ers to tackle, and they require no
special equipment. Flour, salt,
sugar, baking powder and grated
lemon zest — the yellow part of the
lemon rind — are combined with
cold butter, crumbled in until it's
evenly distributed. Heavy cream
binds the ingredients into a soft, pil-
able dough. And if you don't have
a biscuit cutter, you can use the rim
of a glass or a clean, empty can to
cut the dough.

Homely shortcakes taste just as
good as pretty ones, and anyway,
the cream and berries hide any im-
perfections. (Of course, it took us
three batches to produce a "ready
for close-up" shortcake, but that
was partly because our helpers kept
helping themselves. "Ooo, this one's
so good, mmmph, perfect," they said.
"So's, mmmph, this one. Pass the
cream.")

If you're really nervous, says
Luchetti, do a dry run a few nights
before. And follow the directions. A
recipe is not like the instruction
manual you ignore when you buy
a Tivo or a coffee maker.

"A lot of people don't like fol-
lowing instructions," says Luchetti.
"But they're there to give you guid-
ance. Don't wing it. You can wing
it the tenth time you make it, not the
first time."

If it's still too intimidating, says
Diablo Valley College executive pas-
try chef Chris Draa, take something
store-bought to the next level by
drizzling a frozen cheesecake, for
example, with melted chocolate or
pureed raspberries or mangos.

The same goes for ice cream.
Luchetti's just-published "A Passion
for Ice Cream" includes recipes for
homemade ice creams to drizzle
with sauce or sandwich between
fresh cookies. But last-minute
dessert makers can simply grab a
high-quality vanilla from the super-
market and add pizzazz.

Warm sliced strawberries in a
pan on the stove, says Luchetti.
Add a splash of orange juice, a
dash of lemon and a little butter,
and heat 'til it's just warmed
through.

"Pour it over the vanilla ice
cream," she says, "and that's a per-
fect recipe right there."

It's going to be okay. You can
do this.

SHORTCAKES

Makes 6-8

While fresh shortcakes can be
found in the bakery department of
upscale grocery stores, these little
cakes are easy enough to make
from scratch.

- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- Grated zest of one lemon
- 6 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 6 tablespoons cold, unsalted
butter, cubed
- 1 cup plus 1 tablespoon heavy
cream

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Line a baking sheet with parchment
paper (foil works, too).

2. Combine the flour, salt, bak-
ing powder, lemon zest and, de-
pending on desired sweetness, 3-
5 tablespoons of sugar.

3. Using two knives, a pastry cut-
ter or a mixer with the paddle at-
tachment, cut the butter into the
flour mixture until the butter is the
size of small peas.

4. Slowly add 1 cup cream, mix-
ing until the dough just comes to-
gether. (Mix it too much and the
pastry will not be as tender.)

5. Turn the mixture out onto a
lightly floured surface, and roll or
pat it into a 1 1/2-inch thick layer of
dough. Cut the dough into 2 1/2-inch
diameter rounds using a biscuit cut-
ter or the rim of a glass. (Dip the
cutter into flour to keep it from stick-
ing.) Place on prepared baking pan,
2 inches apart.

6. Brush the tops of the short-
cakes with cream, and sprinkle with
the remaining sugar. Bake 20-30
minutes or until golden. These are
best served warm. If made ahead,
reheat the shortcakes in a 300-de-
gree oven for 10 minutes before
serving.

Emily Luchetti, "A Passion for
Dessert"

Per serving: 450 calories, 5 g
protein, 46 g carbohydrates, 27 g
fat, 90 mg cholesterol, 610 mg
sodium, 1 g fiber. Calories from fat:
56 percent. _Contra Costa Times
analysis

Split warm shortcakes in half,
horizontally, and fill with sliced, fresh
strawberries and gently whipped



Luscious strawberries layered on shortcakes and topped with whipped cream make a great summer dessert option. Shortcakes are simple enough for children or novice bakers to tackle, and they require no special equipment.

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"Wisdom of Our Fathers," which
was published May 23.

Russert, moderator of NBC's
"Meet the Press," never intended
to write this book. But after his book
on his own dad, "Big Russ & Me,"
was published in 2004, he started
getting letters and e-mails from peo-
ple who wanted to share their fa-
thers' life lessons. They just kept
coming — 60,000 of them.

"I read them all," Russert said in
a recent interview at the recent
BookExpo America, where he was
promoting the new book. "It took
me about a year."

Somewhere in that year, he be-
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those responses. The letters were
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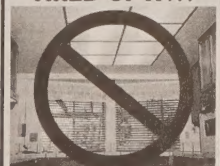
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What's new in carpet and tile designs: What's underfoot is now top priority

BY AMY KENNEDY
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The days when flooring was viewed as merely a backdrop for other furnishings are over. Today's carpet and tile designs are so beautiful they effortlessly add sophistication to any room.

Textured carpet designs have become popular for their visual interest and their ability to minimize soil and vacuum marks. Designers team rich fabrics like chenille and velvet with looped carpeting or tonal patterns to achieve appealing softness and warmth.

Applied and woven patterns are growing in demand along with patterns inspired by nature like leaves or seashells. Shoppers can select from multi-colored loops, cut/loop surfaces and Berber-flecked styles. Saxonomies and textured saxonomies offer the broadest range of color choices.

While many homeowners still prefer neutral carpet that will go with everything, some people like to be a little more adventurous and use plaid, houndstooth or floral patterns. Those who aren't comfortable using bolder colors can opt for textures and patterns woven into neutral carpets. Geometric squares, diamond shapes and waves are used to add more interest. Sculptured effects and height variations once seen only in plush and velvet carpeting are now commonly used in some Berber styles.

Some manufacturers offer styles that have sprinkles of color against a neutral background. The subtle color flecks may be in soft blue, green, yellow or varying shades of tan or brown. Along with giving the carpet a tweed-like appearance, the flecks help hide stains and spills.

As decorating becomes more eclectic retailers are seeing an increase in the demand for darker carpet colors like hunter green or eggplant. While neutral beiges are still hot sellers, many people are getting inspiration from nature with earth tones like cinnamon or olive.

A growing number of homeowners are choosing ceramic-tile for flooring instead of carpet or wood. Tile is available in a broad range of colors, designs and textures and it is environmentally friendly. Constructed of natural ingredients, tile is both beautiful and practical since it does not promote bacteria growth or retain airborne allergens. Designers like it for its versatility and ability to blend seamlessly with any decorating theme. Tile is also popular for its low-maintenance and incredible durability.

Many tiles require little more than dusting and occasional damp mopping to maintain.

Ceramic tiles are available in glazed, unglazed and partially glazed surfaces. Before choosing tiles it is important to consider the amount of foot traffic in the area to be tiled. Glazed floor tiles are rated by manufacturers according to their resistance to wear in certain applications. You should match the wear rating with the requirements of the area you plan to tile. For example, you might choose a light traffic tile for a bathroom or bedroom and medium traffic tile for a dining room. Heavy traffic tile would be a better choice for halls, kitchens or a terrace.

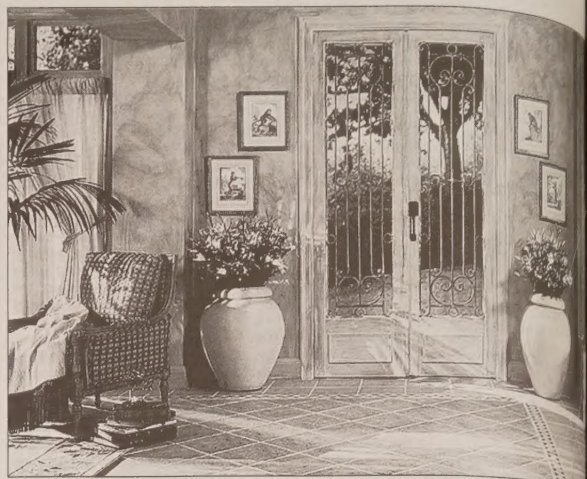
Another practical consideration is slip resistance. You should seriously consider the frequency of the floor's exposure to water and the elements. For example a slip-resistant tile would be a better choice for a home entranceway or kitchen. You will also need to evaluate the practicality of different tile textures if you have small children, a disabled person or elderly parents living in your home. Keep in mind that tile size, grout joint spacing and the slope of the floor all play a role in slip-resistance.

While some tiles may be hand-painted or claim to be of better quality because they are from a particular region, the construction techniques are essentially the same. The tiles sold today are constructed from a combination of clay, minerals and solvents that are formed, sized and heated at high temperatures. Glazing adds a finish that makes the tile more durable for kitchens, baths, foyers and countertops. Sealing the grout around the tile makes it water-resistant and enhances its durability.

The joints between the tiles influence the overall appearance of the floor. Wide joints give terra cotta tiles an Old World look, while thin joints place more emphasis on the tile design. You can also change the look of tiles by using grout of a different color from the tile for a checkerboard effect. As another alternative, you might want to lay square tiles in a diamond pattern and complement them with a contrasting border color. Other possibilities include using three-dimensional designs and colorful mosaics.

Tile experts advise using marble only in a foyer or dining room where there is light traffic. It scratches easily and shows water stains so it isn't the best choice for a bathroom or kitchen. Tumbled marble has a beautiful aged look that can be effective in any room. Agglomerate tile is made of tiny marble pieces and resin that are mixed together. It is affordable and quite durable making it a good choice for kitchens.

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Father

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"That letter resonated with me in such a powerful way because it was a special time that her dad carved out for her. Four o'clock in the morning, he'd wake her up, they'd come down to the kitchen table, and they'd sit there and have their coffee. Then he'd take her upstairs, tuck her in bed, kiss her and go off to work. And then her dad died. And now every day she gets up and makes coffee and sits there alone ... but her conversation with her dad continues.

"That to me is the essence of 'Wisdom of Our Fathers'. These letters and e-mails I received from 60,000 people across the country, daughters and sons - they all talk about a small moment. Not a big expensive vacation or a new TV set, but these little moments that bonded them forever."

Many of the stories are inspiring. In one, a father's gentleness actually enables a daughter to stop stuttering. No speech therapy, no professional intervention, just Dad's constant reassurance. Other tales are funny, including one from a woman whose dad was so tolerant that he let his daughters practice putting makeup on him; they also painted his toenails.

In all these recollections, there

comes a moment that pierces the heart. Jon Hermanson of Knoxville, Tenn., writes of his father, "Hermie," a postal worker who had suffered a childhood accident that had claimed the ring and pinkie fingers of his left hand.

Mr. Hermanson "refused to consider this a handicap," his son writes. He taught Jon how to hit a baseball, fixed whatever was broken in the house and pursued a hobby as a woodworker, making some of the family's furniture. He wasn't the most vocal of men; he stated his love for his family with those damaged but capable hands. As Jon's mother recalled, "Your dad never said he loved me, but he would always make me something, so I knew he did."

Russert says the hardest task in writing "Wisdom of Our Fathers" was "to make it one volume." The second hardest was probably organizing the book. As he read all those stories, he started organizing them into themes. In the finished book, those themes include honor, forgiveness, tolerance, discipline and loss.

He does hope they provide a learning experience. Generally he thinks the institution of parenting is stronger than some people might think. Yet it does bother him to see "fathers running away from their responsibilities."

He wants would-be parents to know that if they decide to have a

child, "it's something that takes over your life." He and his wife, Maureen Orth, have a son, Luke, who just finished his second year at Boston College.

"I have not had a worry-free day since the night my son was born. It's all you do: Worry about their sickness, about their sniffles — and then they start driving cars. They're not little inflatable creatures that you can put in the closet when things go bad.

"When I wrote Big Russ," after I re-read it, I realized I wrote it for my son as much as for my dad, because I wanted him to understand how I perceived my own dad's sacrifices."

"Big Russ" was Tim Sr., a World War II veteran who worked two jobs to support the Russert family and also dispensed "lasting lessons of preparation, accountability and discipline" that Tim Jr. has passed on to Luke, while becoming such good friends with him that "when he went off to college, it was a very hard time for me because he had become my wingman; we did everything together."

"Children take the measure of their parents. They see them interact with one another, they see them respond to a crisis, they see them offer a gentle hand, a kind word, tough love. What will your children say about you? Will they feel about you the way you feel about your dad?"

Russert hasn't thought about whether he'll write a book; he has his "Meet the Press" interview committed until at least next year.

"I'm passionate about things in television, but I'd rather be in a room where I can have different views than a discussion, which is really yelling and screaming. I save that for other places. The clicker is the greatest known to TV viewers. I start yelling and screaming off."

Given the response as an author, though, "Wisdom" won't be his last. "I love interviewing senators and people covering campaigns. I've gotten a lot of letters. I don't get a letter or a phone call or a handwritten 'Thank you for writing let me tell you about this.' While it still gratifies outpourings about the surprise Russert."

"It's the greatest I had. The best name is 'Dad.'"

(John Mark Davis, Kansas City Star's book editor)

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Homeowners get cooking with outdoor kitchens

Outdoor cooking areas are the trend in residential landscaping, thanks in no small part to the versatility of segmental retaining wall systems (SRWs). They range from a modest firepit to a full outdoor kitchen that will rival the most lavish indoor cooktop.

Complete with stainless-steel appliances, granite countertops and fully plumbed sinks, these outdoor kitchens can be as simple as a paver patio framed with a retaining wall or as elaborate as a full outdoor kitchen with a grill, refrigerator and food preparation counter. The entire structure also can be built with Versa-Lok Mosaic, so it's indistinguishable from the wall itself.

They're available in a range of styles, colors and textures that complement the variety of paving stones on the market, giving you an array of design options. And they're easily installed by do-it-yourselfers and landscape contractors alike.

Solid construction

Richard Ventola of Green Acres Inc. in Pailsades Park, N.J., used the Versa-Lok Mosaic retaining wall system to construct an outdoor kitchen, complemented with concrete pavers in a matching color and texture.

"It's the most popular part of the back yard," says Ventola. "We built it completely out of Versa-Lok. The entire cooking island is made of solid retaining wall units." Some of the blocks had to be cut to create spaces for the grill and food storage areas. The solid construction of the units made those modifications much easier than using hollow blocks, he notes.

The segmental retaining wall system is versatile as well as attractive.

"We do a tremendous amount

of natural stone in our landscaping," says Ventola, "but when I need the consistent size and shape of concrete blocks, the block closest-looking to natural stone is Versa-Lok."

Kitchen-wall combo

Robert Daniels of Clearwater Swimming Pool Co. in Centre Hall, Penn., recently was faced with the challenge of installing an outdoor kitchen in a back yard with a steep slope and deep, three-tiered retaining walls. The yard was adjacent to woods, so Daniels selected Versa-Lok Mosaic for the tiered walls.

"You get more of the natural look with Mosaic, and set back in the woods, that complemented the environment," Serpentine curves and stepped wall ends soften the appearance, and large beds of plantings separate the three tiers.

A paver patio was installed across the top of the first retaining wall tier to create a cooking and eating area. Built-in stairs connect this upper patio with the pool on the lower ground level.

Then, in a creative use of limited space, Daniels carved a kitchen area right into the middle retaining wall that includes a large gas grill, refrigerator and food preparation counter. The entire structure also was built with Versa-Lok Mosaic, so it's indistinguishable from the wall itself.

"We had to make a couple of modifications to some blocks to get power and gas into the grill area, but with Versa-Lok, it was easy because they're solid rather than hollow like some wall systems," says Daniels.

Design tips

Other things to consider when designing an outdoor kitchen include:

- Position the grill so prevailing breezes carry smoke away from where people congregate and eat.
- Use a solid segmental retaining wall system to achieve a natural look that's also "bulletproof" from the elements, easily modified and virtually maintenance-free.
- Slope countertops and patios slightly so rainwater doesn't pool

on them.

■ Make sure drainage issues are properly addressed, particularly where tiered spaces are used.

■ Check with local utilities, building codes and manufacturers' specifications before installing outdoor appliances.

For more information on how you can use segmental retaining walls to create outdoor cooking areas, contact Versa-Lok Retaining Wall Systems at 800-770-4525, or visit www.versa-lok.com.

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Five good reasons to redecorate this spring

It's time to make a clean break from the cozy sensibility of winter, and turn to some new ideas to lighten up your home. This season, interior design is all about setting a fresh mood with color and texture. From pristine white bedding and organic accents, to eco-friendly furnishings and hot international flair, here are five great reasons to redecorate this spring:

Going Global

Great design knows no boundaries, try fabrics and accessories that echo the riches and culture of far-flung places. Bring an exotic, sultry intrigue into the bedroom with DKNY's Night Caravan Bedding, in rich shades of red and burgundy, accented with lavish embroidery. You can turn to the Casa Cristina Accessories Collection by CBK to replace outdated wall art, accents, or tabletops. Bronze and metal framed mirrors, hand painted ceramic tabletop pieces, and silver hammered floor vases bring the international flavor home.

It's Easy Being Green

This season, it is both easy and fashionable to "go green" at home. More and more people are choosing products made from "eco-friendly" sustainable materials like bamboo, and natural fibers like unbleached, organic cotton. New from Twill Textiles is Climax Lifecycle Home — the first eco-friendly line of residential fabrics. Inspired by the art of hand weaving, fabrics like Stockbridge Strie in a vibrant Paprika and Lenox Twill in an organic green are the perfect answer, from upholstery to window treatments.

Shore Things

Whether your style is Nantucket nautical or tropical hide-away, seaside materials are making a splash this season. Replace your heavy, rusted and noir, winter bath accessories, with DKNY's Hand Stitched plush terry towels in watery blue, barley, shade and muslin. Tap into pearlized finishes and capiz shell looks to add luscious luxury to any room. Maya Romanoff's Mother of Pearl wall covering is available in small, flexible, square tiles; in colors from a pretty pink to glistening gold. This reflective wall covering channels the feel of the ocean and has the appeal of high design.

Whiten Up

This season's fashion runways are awash with white and home design is right in step. Brighten up your bedroom with the epitome of comfort, Pure DKNY Eyelet Bedding in crisp white, accentuated with delicate eyelets. This collection is comprised of soft washed cottons in white and ivory, sweetened with open stitching, ruffles and lace. To create dimension and interest, counter your whites with creamy neutrals. Create accent pillows or even reupholster chair covers in Twill Textile's Silk Diamonds or Berkshire Twill in pearl or straw.

Wood Shop

Come out of the cold of modernism and adopt the new appreciation for wood furnishings that create a casual, yet sophisticated aesthetic. Refurnish your home with pieces from Casa Cristina's Urbana Collection — a new group from the Casa Cristina Furniture Collection by Pulaski. Inspired by Latina Media Sensation Cristina Saralegui and available in stores this spring; this collection has all the right ingredients for an outstanding updated look with its pecan finishes, antique pewter hardware and leather accents.



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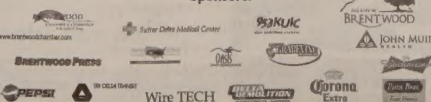
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Using the creation as inspiration, garden is place of res

BY JESSIE MILLIGAN
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

The first sentence of the book *The Sanctuary Garden* made perfect sense to Ben Oefinger of Cleburne, Texas.

He read with fascination: "There is a theology to gardening that few of us consider, but to understand this theology means relinquishing much control — our arsenal of books, techniques, tools, chemicals, fertilizers, fancy hybrids and expectations."

With these words in mind, Oefinger began to create a sanctuary garden in his own back yard.

It would be a retreat, and even more, this Sunday school teacher wanted his garden to be what he calls a celebration of the Creation.

So his first step in the theology of gardening is to do this: Nothing. He would rationally study what naturally was occurring in his garden.

He watched it. He saw what plants did well. In this sense, the concept of sanctuary already was working. He was slowing down.

Gradually, with his philosophy in place, the other basic elements of a sanctuary garden were incorporated.

Comfortable places to sit; water to attract creatures. Lemon balm

and pink roses for fragrance; poppies and larkspur for color.

A gate was added. An arched arbor entrance went in. Sanctuary gardens need entrances to create a feeling of entering someplace special.

A name is needed so that the garden takes on an identity. Ben Oefinger named his "Carla's Garden" after his wife of 40 years who helps him in the garden. A stained-glass panel with that name hangs above the garden's entrance. Oefinger, a retired school administrator and teacher of Latin and world history, walks beneath the sign each

time he enters his sanctuary garden.

Solid wooden fences on either side of the yard were replaced by open ironwork fencing that lets in the breeze and adds to the feeling of connection to the larger world.

"We put wind chimes up to welcome the wind," Oefinger says.

It is just that type of small celebration that makes the garden a sanctuary.

Outdoor art adds to the sense that the garden is a special place. Natural materials blend in the best, so Oefinger chose two large rectangular stones that he "planted" upright. They represent man and women, he says, and the two stones lean against one another. In the spring they are covered by red poppies. In the winter, they add sculptural interest.

He includes small sculpture, such as the concrete swans painted white that once sat outside his grandmother's farmhouse. He put in a statue of Buddha that his mother once gave to her father.

"The idea of a personal connection between you and the objects is important," he says.

Two garden swings were brought in and placed on opposite sides of the garden so that the plants can be enjoyed from more than one vantage point. "A garden, Oefinger says, "does not exist only as a place to go to work but also as a place to go to rest."

The couple installed a pond and created a second patio nearby. An antique iron table and chairs were brought in to welcome grandchildren, and it sits near the pond, which welcomes other frogs, lizards, insects and birds.

"Creating habitats is a key point of a sanctuary garden," Oefinger says. "In a sanctuary garden, everything is welcome."

This apparently comes as good news to a yellow tabby cat who wandered in not long after the Oefinger's longtime pet dog died in March. The tabby cat stayed and, like the garden, now has a name, Catmandu.

"Everything is welcome, gnats, mosquitoes, snakes."

Carla Oefinger winces when he says this. She is not such a fan of the snakes. Her husband, however, has promised her he will kill any dangerous creature.

"If it is a black widow I'll step on that, but I'm not going to spray the whole yard," Oefinger says.

Beyond that, he is tolerant, if not delighted, at his garden's creatures.

"If you want butterflies then you must have caterpillars, and those caterpillars have to eat," he says.

He's willing to accept the holes in flowers or leaves. It's part of this basic philosophy that guides him in his gardening: "The creation survives without our intervention," Oefinger says. "Most of the time we can help it the best by not getting involved in

it, by staying out of the garden will almost take care of itself, says Oefinger. Poppies that have grown in the garden is a place to control something to control it as well as a place.

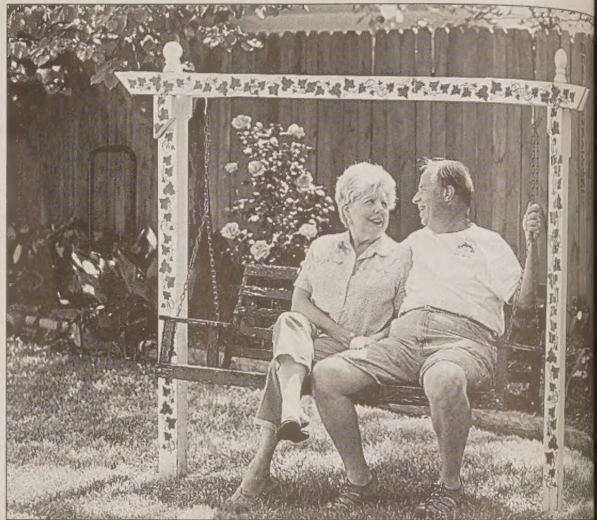


AN EASTERN BLACK SWALLOWTAIL BUTTERFLY seen in the Sanctuary Garden belonging to Carla and Ben Oefinger in Cleburne, Texas.



AN ENTRYWAY into the Sanctuary Garden.

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CARLA, left, and Ben Oefinger sit on their swing in their Sanctuary Garden.

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